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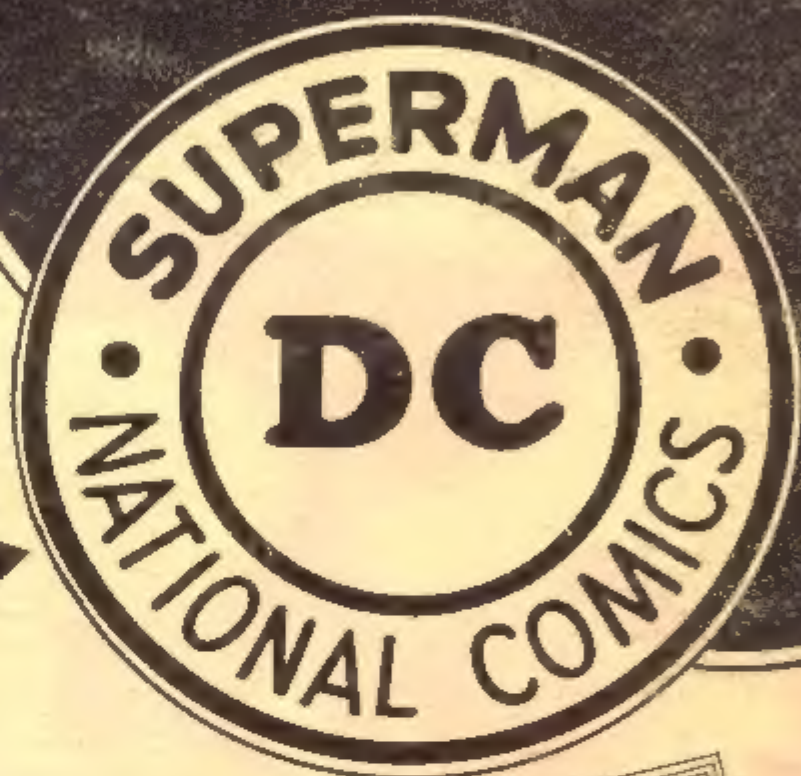




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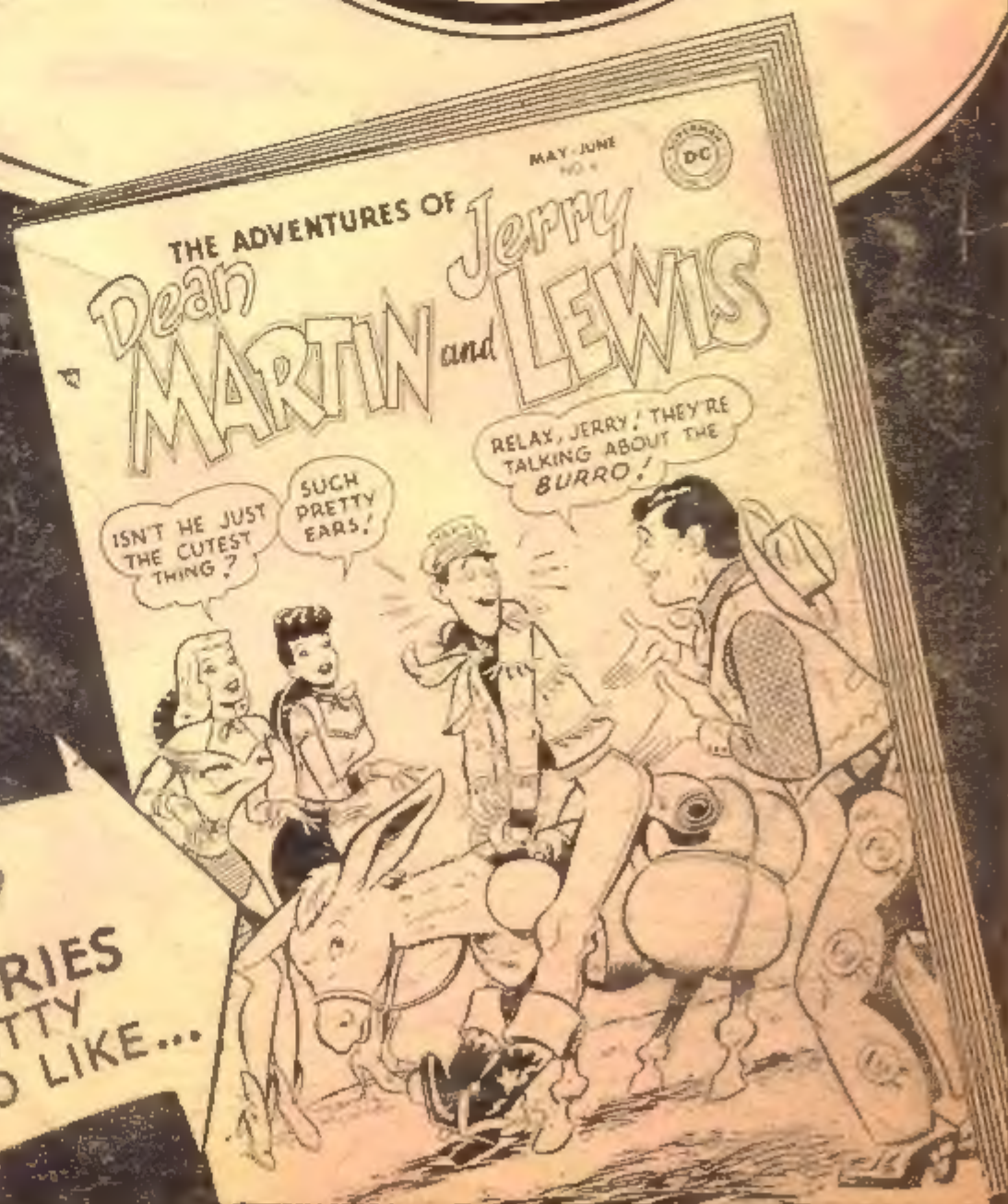
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With  
**ROBIN**  
THE BOY WONDER



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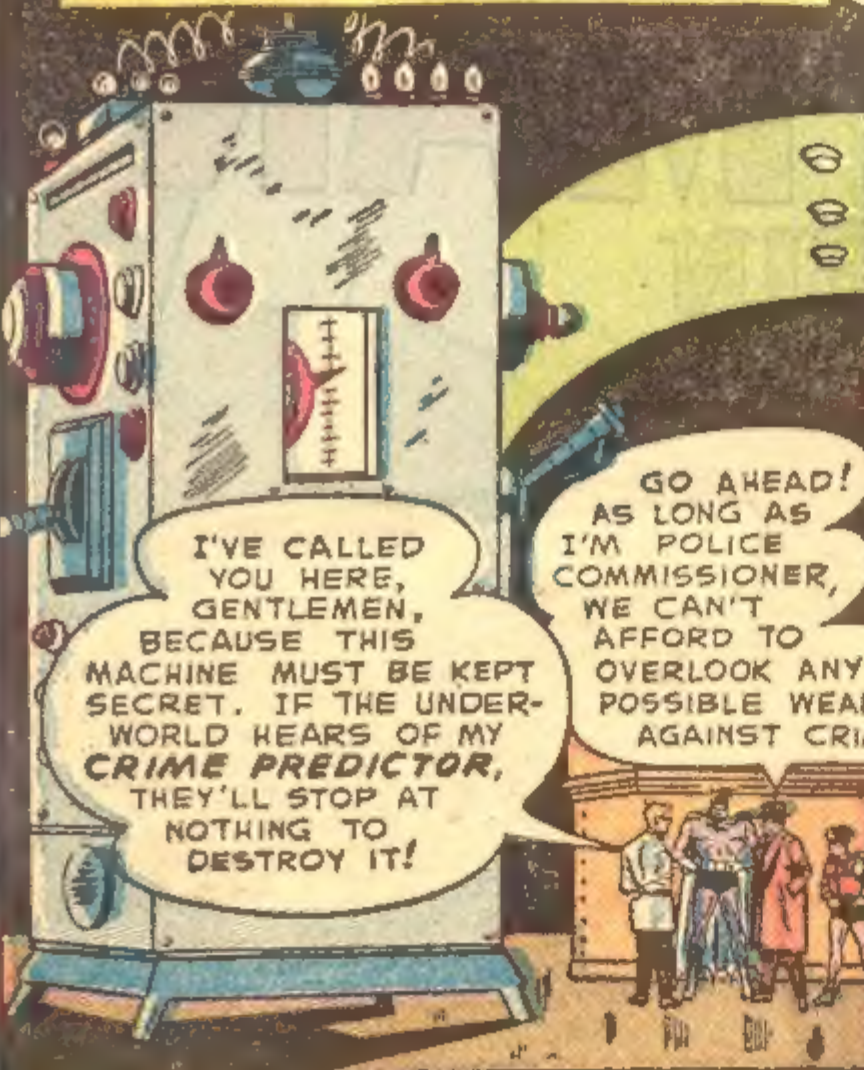
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IN A LABORATORY ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GOTHAM, DR. EDWARD ARVIN, A BRILLIANT SCIENTIST, PREPARES TO REVEAL AN AMAZING INVENTION TO THE CITY'S TOP LAWYERS...

MY **PREDICTOR** WORKS ON AN ELECTRONIC PRINCIPLE! WHEN I FEED CRIMINAL STATISTICS INTO IT ON TAPE, IT MATHEMATICALLY PREDICTS THE FUTURE ACTIONS OF ANY KNOWN CRIMINAL!

HMM! WELL, WE'D LIKE TO LAY OUR HANDS ON "MUGS" WILDEN... ASK IT WHAT HE'S GOING TO DO NEXT!



I'VE CALLED YOU HERE, GENTLEMEN, BECAUSE THIS MACHINE MUST BE KEPT SECRET. IF THE UNDERWORLD HEARS OF MY **CRIME PREDICTOR**, THEY'LL STOP AT NOTHING TO DESTROY IT!

GO AHEAD! AS LONG AS I'M POLICE COMMISSIONER, WE CAN'T AFFORD TO OVERLOOK ANY POSSIBLE WEAPON AGAINST CRIME!

POWER IS SWITCHED INTO THE GIANT CALCULATOR...AND THE UNCANNY ELECTRONIC BRAIN ANSWERS...

BY EVALUATING ITS INFORMATION ON WILDEN'S METHODS OF CRIME, AND THEN SELECTING FROM ITS DATA ON BANKS, PAYROLLS AND POSSIBLE LOOT, IT CAN MAKE THIS ACCURATE PREDICTION!

IT SEEMS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE... HMM... I HAVE AN IDEA TO TEST IT.

ON THE SCREEN

**MUGS WILDEN WILL ROB GOTHAM BALLBEARING PAYROLL TOMORROW AT NINE A.M.!**

DOCTOR, I MUST PROTECT MY IDENTITY... AND THIS MACHINE **MIGHT** EXPOSE IT! I WANT, IN PRIVACY, TO SEE IF IT CAN IDENTIFY ME!

I HADN'T THOUGHT OF THAT DANGER! OF COURSE, I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO FEED QUESTIONS INTO IT ON PAPER TAPE, AND ONLY YOU WILL BE HERE TO KNOW THE ANSWER!



AND, WHEN THE OTHERS HAVE STEPPED OUTSIDE, IN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION "WHO IS BATMAN?..."

BUT IT'S A LOGICAL GUESS! I'LL ASK IT, "WHO IS MR. **BLANK**, THE SECRET BOSS OF GOTHAM CITY?"

GOSH, **BATMAN**, THAT'S CLOSE... TOO CLOSE!

INSUFFICIENT... DATA... BUT MR. **BLANK**'S KNOWLEDGE OF CRIMINALS IMPLIES A LONG CRIMINAL RECORD!

INSUFFICIENT DATA... BUT FACTS INDICATE **BATMAN** IS A RICH MAN, WITH NO JOB OR BUSINESS TO HAMPER HIS CAREER!

YES, BUT NOT VERY HELPFUL! **ROBIN**, TELL GORDON AND DR. ARVIN TO COME BACK IN... I'M GOING TO ASK THE MACHINE WHAT **MR. BLANK**'S NEXT CRIME WILL BE!

A LOGICAL ANSWER, TOO!





THIS TIME, THE PREDICTOR RETURNS A FATEFUL ANSWER...

MR. BLANK WILL NEXT MURDER BATMAN!

WE'LL HAVE TO STUDY YOUR PREDICTOR FURTHER, DR. ARVIN, BEFORE WE CAN ACCEPT IT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT!

I KNOW YOU'RE SKEPTICAL NOW, BUT IT'LL SOON PROVE ITSELF! AND I WANT TO GIVE IT TO THE DEPARTMENT, TO PREVENT CRIME!

LOOK, BATMAN. THERE'S YOUR ANSWER! IT MAY BE ALL WRONG, BUT I DON'T LIKE THIS!

THE PREDICTOR IS ALWAYS ACCURATE I ADVISE YOU TO BE CAREFUL, BATMAN!

BATMAN, EVEN IF DR. ARVIN IS A BRILLIANT SCIENTIST, I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT A CALCULATING MACHINE CAN PREDICT CRIME!

NEITHER DO I, ROBIN, BUT ARVIN HAS NOTHING TO GAIN BY FRAUD, SINCE HE OFFERED TO GIVE THE MACHINE TO THE POLICE. HM... I THINK WE'LL BE AT THE BALLBEARING COMPANY TOMORROW MORNING!

AND NEXT MORNING...

IT'S ALL QUIET! WE WERE SILLY TO CREDIT THAT FOOL MACHINE'S PREDICTIONS!

WAIT A MOMENT, IT'S NOT SO QUIET!

BATMAN!

A BANDIT IS ROBBING THE PAYROLL OFFICE!

AND IT'S JUST 9 O'CLOCK! BUT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

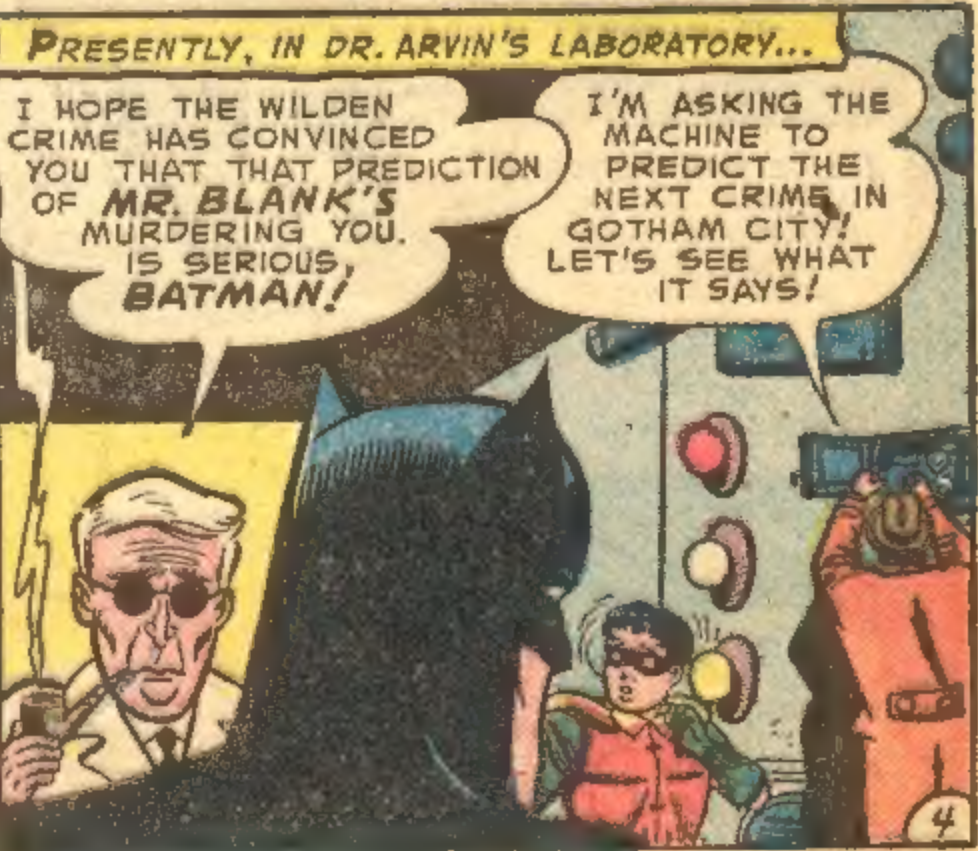
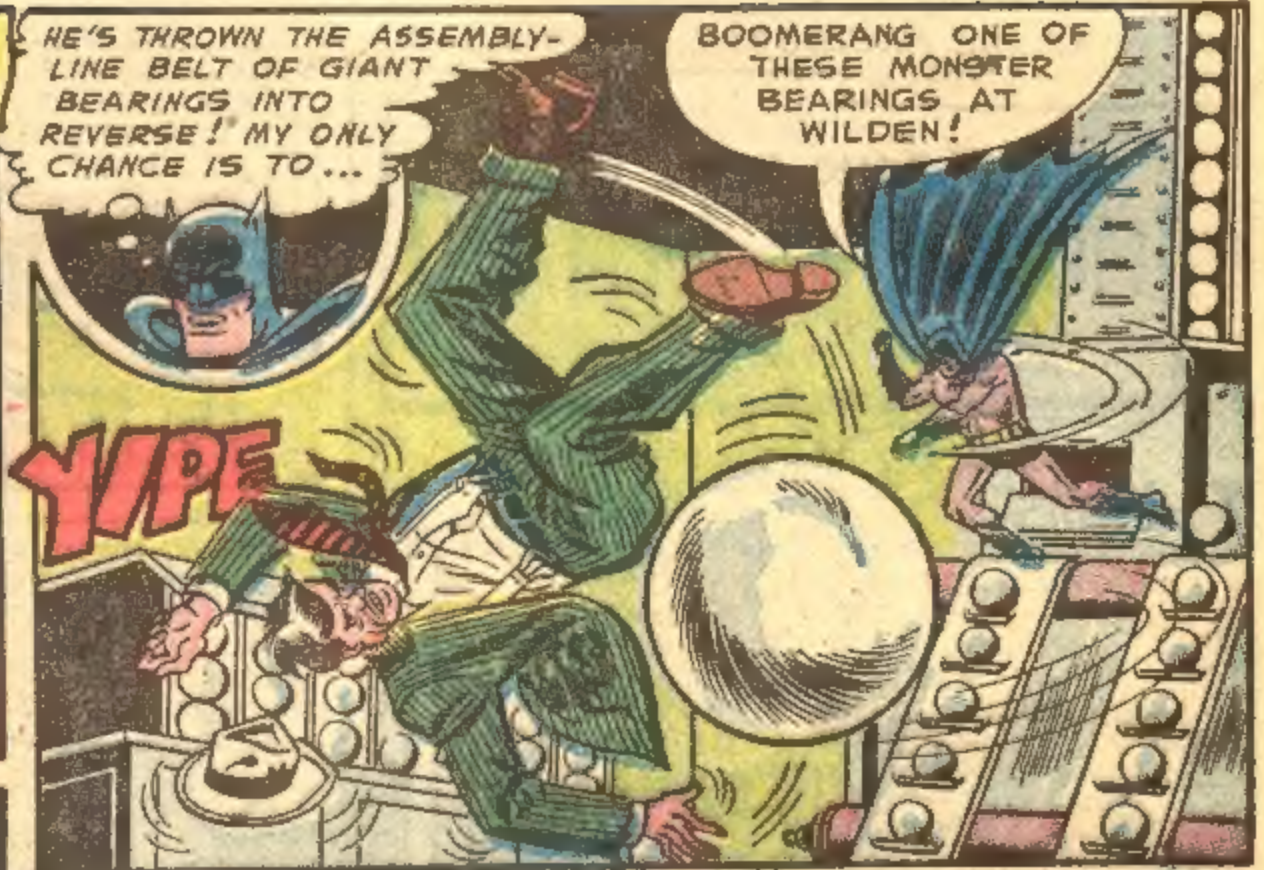
WE'LL SOON SEE!

INSIDE THE FACTORY, WHERE BALL-BEARINGS ARE MADE FOR EVERYTHING FROM ROLLER SKATES TO HUGE MACHINES...

THESE BALL-BEARINGS OUGHT TO KEEP YOU ROLLING UNTIL I GET AWAY!

IT'S MUGS WILDEN, JUST AS THE PREDICTOR SAID... OOPS!







PRESENTLY...

BOYAR MOB WILL TAKE JEWEL SHIPMENT FROM SEALED CAR TODAY THREE P.M.!

WELL, FOREWARNED IS FOREARMED! AND IF THE MACHINE IS RIGHT AGAIN WE CAN'T PASS IT OFF AS COINCIDENCE!

COME ON, BATMAN... WE HAVE JUST TIME TO GET READY FOR MR. BOYAR AND HIS PALS!

AS THE TIME FORETOLD FOR THE DARING DAYLIGHT ROBBERY DRAWS NEAR...

I HOPE BOYAR DOESN'T SHOW UP... THEN THE **PREDICTOR** WOULD BE PROVEN WRONG!

STOP WORRYING ABOUT THAT **MR. BLANK** PREDICTION! WORRY ABOUT BOYAR... THERE HE IS NOW, HEAD-ING FOR THAT SEALED EXPRESS CAB!

SUDDENLY, A CLEVER CROOK FINDS HIMSELF IN TROUBLE... BECAUSE OF THE PREDICTION OF AN UNCANNY MACHINE...

CAN I OFFER YOU BOYS SOME HELP? THAT CAR IS SEALED, BUT I KNOW A JAIL I CAN GET YOU INTO!

IT'S **BATMAN**... AND HALF THE COPS IN GOTHAM CITY! MAKE FOR THE ROUNDHOUSE... WE MAY BE ABLE TO DODGE THEM IN THERE!

THERE GOES BOYAR, INTO THAT LOCOMOTIVE CAB!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM... YOU HELP THE POLICE ROUND UP THE OTHERS!

SPLIT-SECOND TIMING AND THE TRAINED MUSCLES OF THE BOY WONDER ACCOMPLISH A MIRACLE...

JUST IN TIME! THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE!

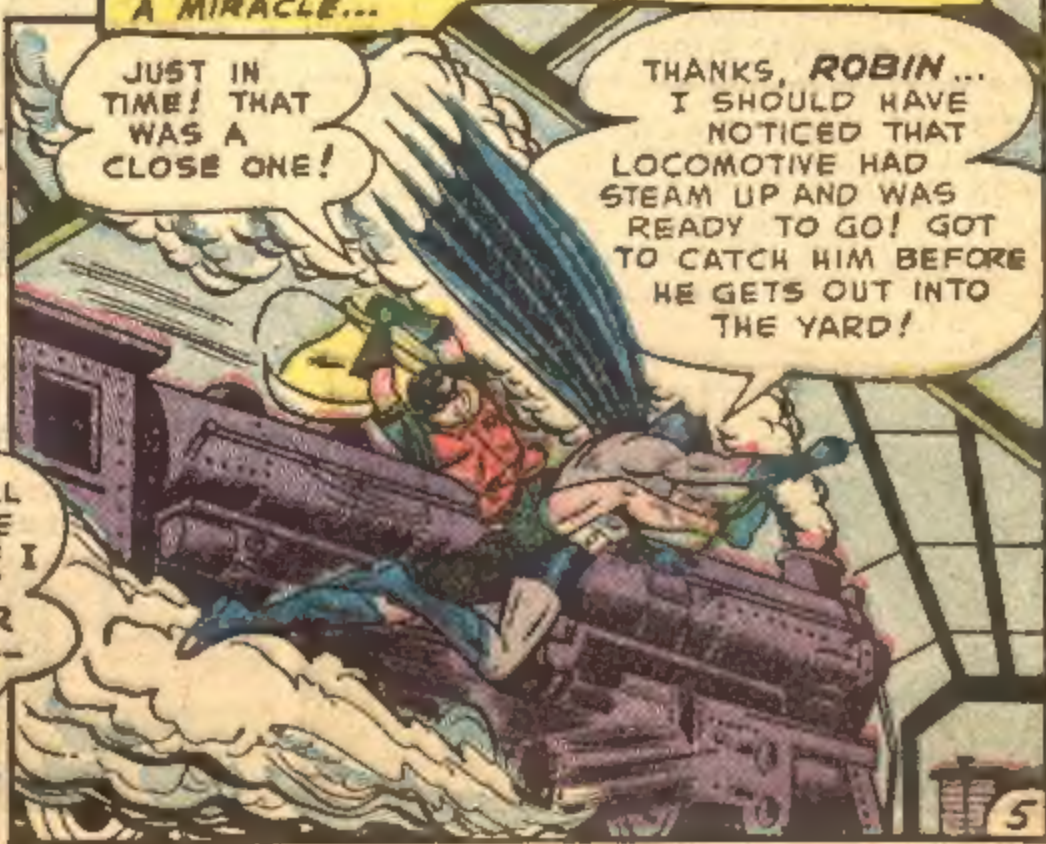
THANKS, **ROBIN**... I SHOULD HAVE NOTICED THAT LOCOMOTIVE HAD STEAM UP AND WAS READY TO GO! GOT TO CATCH HIM BEFORE HE GETS OUT INTO THE YARD!

BUT AS **BATMAN** LEAPS FOR THE CAB AFTER BOYAR...

NO ONE'S GOING TO TAKE ME, **BATMAN**... I'LL RUN OVER ANYONE WHO TRIES IT!

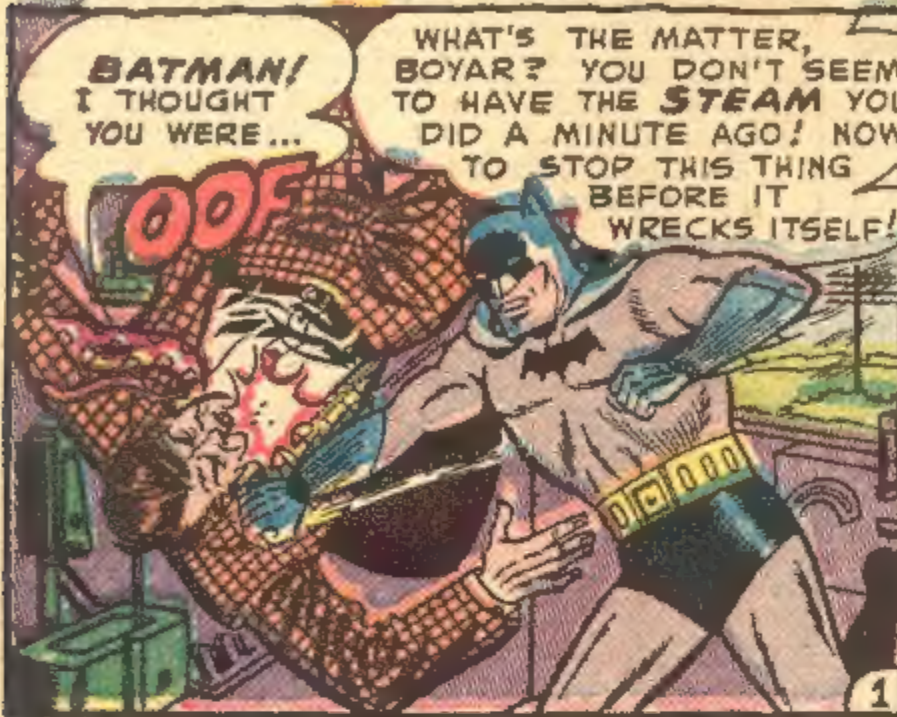
THAT STEAM... IT'S BLINDED ME!

HE'LL FALL UNDER THE WHEELS! IF I CAN GET MY ROPE OVER THAT BEAM...





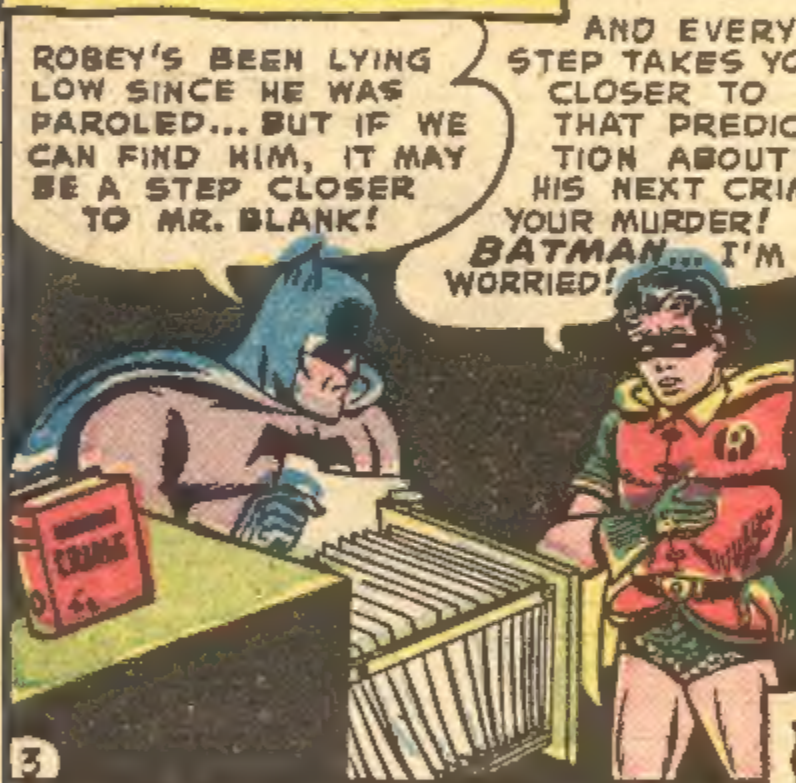
A SECOND TRY IS EASILY SUCCESSFUL, AND...



PRESENTLY, THE REST OF THE GANG IS ROUNDED UP...



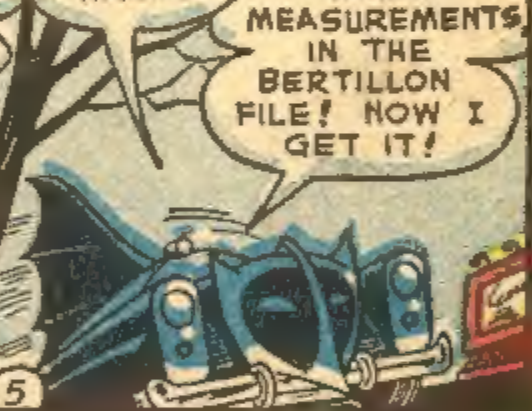
LATER, IN THE CRIME LABORATORY OF THE SECRET BATCAVE...



HERE'S HIS RECORD CARD... PICTURE, FINGER-PRINTS, BERTILLON MEASUREMENTS, EVERYTHING ABOUT HIM! AH... HIS CHIEF HOBBY WAS BOWLING! THAT MAY BE OUR LEAD! COME ON!



ROBEY'S EFFECTS WERE SOLD TO PAY HIS FINE WHEN HE WENT TO PRISON! NOW THAT HE'S OUT, AS A BOWLING FAN, HE'D WANT A NEW BALL... AND THOSE ARE MADE TO ORDER, TO FIT THE BOWLER'S HAND!



SOON, AFTER TOURING SOME BIG GOTHAM CITY BOWLERS' SUPPLY STORES...



PRESENTLY, IN THE SECLUDED COTTAGE AT 44 PINE STREET...

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BATMAN! HEY... YOU CAN'T DO THIS... I'M INNOCENT...



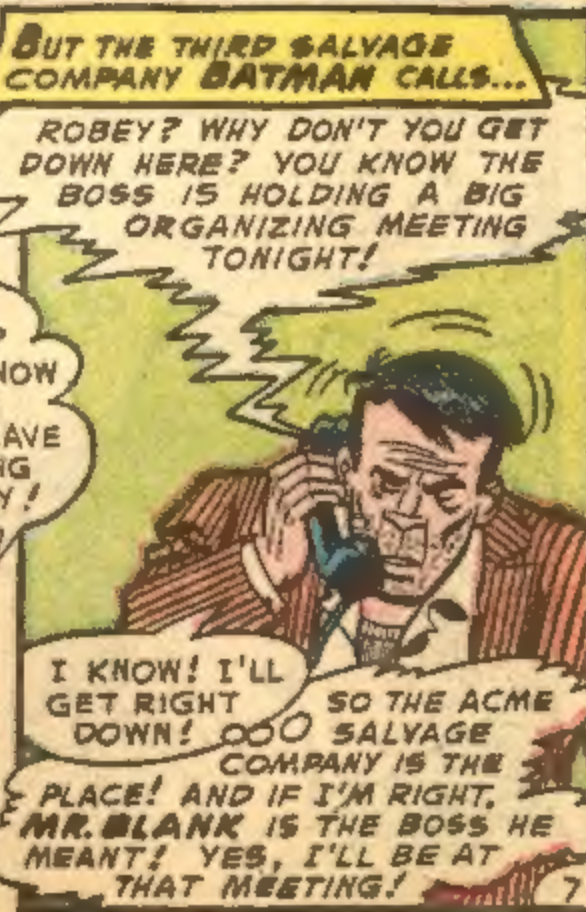
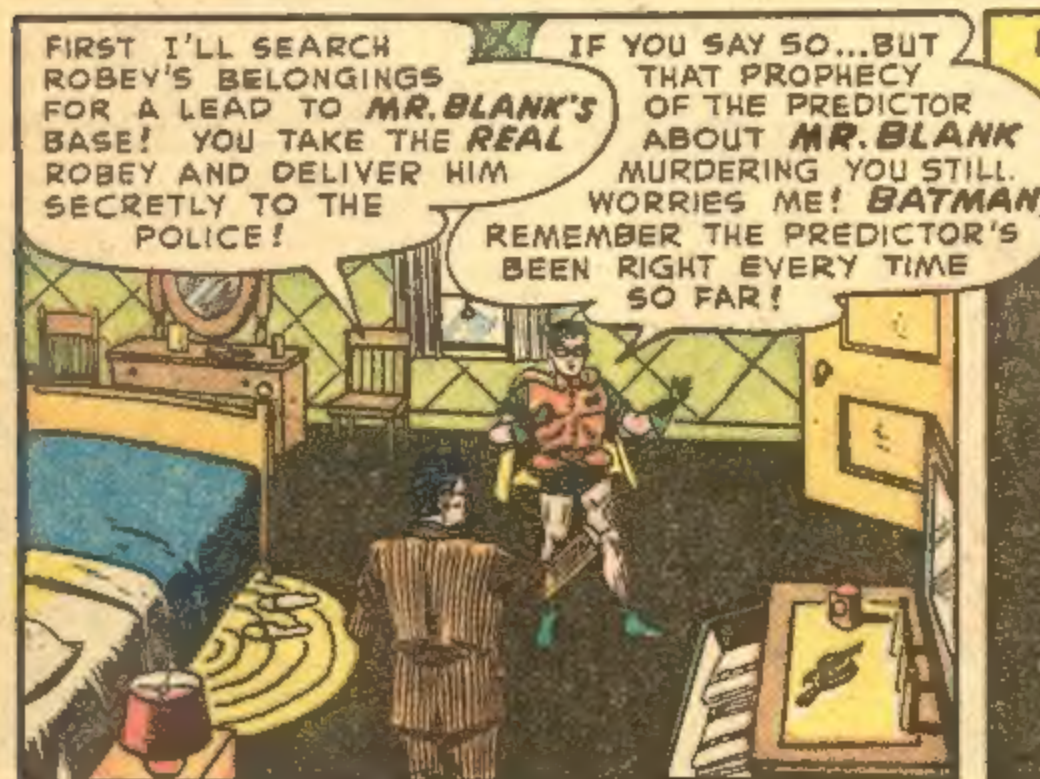
I DON'T KNOW WHO MR. BLANK IS, BUT HE'S THE BIGGEST MAN IN CRIME NOW THAT WILDEN AND BOYAR ARE IN JAIL! WITH HIM AS MY BOSS, I'M NOT AFRAID OF YOU, BATMAN!



SO THAT'S ALL YOU'LL SAY? MAYBE WE CAN USE YOU TO FIND OUT MORE! LET ROBEY ALONE AND COME IN THE NEXT ROOM WITH ME, ROBIN!









BUT MEANWHILE, ON HIS WAY TO DELIVER THE CAPTURED CROOK TO POLICE, THE **BOY WONDER** IS HAUNTED BY THE MECHANICAL BRAIN'S PROPHECY...

**BATMAN'S** GOING AFTER THE VERY MAN THE **PREDICTOR** PROPHESED WOULD MURDER HIM! I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING! I'LL ASK THE **PREDICTOR** TO TELL ME HOW **MR. BLANK** PLANS TO MURDER **BATMAN**!



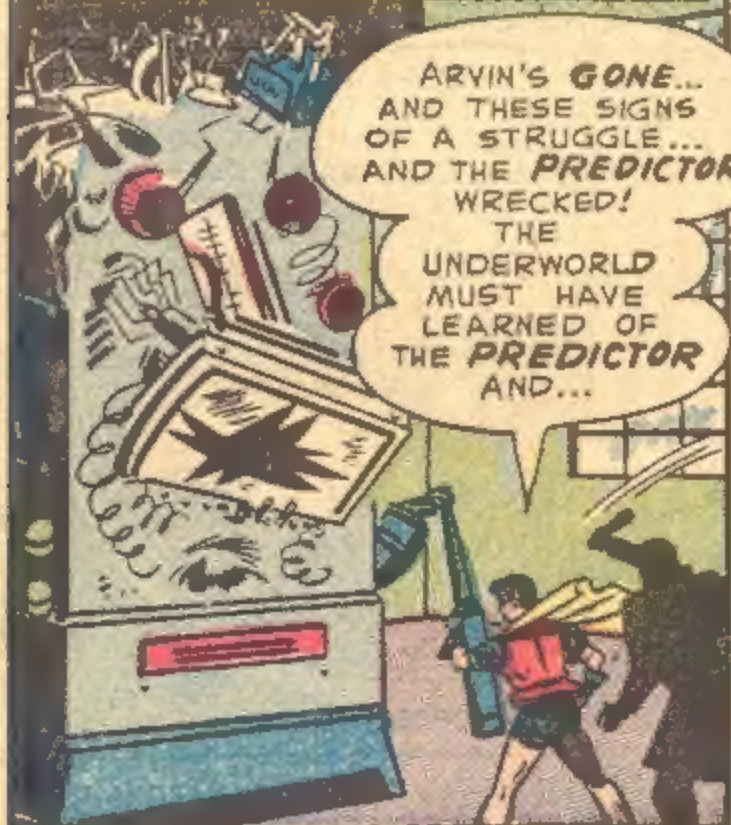
**ROBIN'S** MIND IS SWIFTLY MADE UP!

HERE, BEHIND **DR. ARVIN'S** HOUSE, **ROBEY** WON'T BE NOTICED IN THE **BATMOBILE**... I CAN TAKE HIM TO THE POLICE AFTER I'VE ASKED THE **PREDICTOR** THAT QUESTION!



BUT IN **DR. ARVIN'S** LABORATORY, A SHOCK AWAITS THE **BOY WONDER**...

**ARVIN'S GONE**... AND THESE SIGNS OF A STRUGGLE... AND THE **PREDICTOR** WRECKED! THE UNDERWORLD MUST HAVE LEARNED OF THE **PREDICTOR** AND...

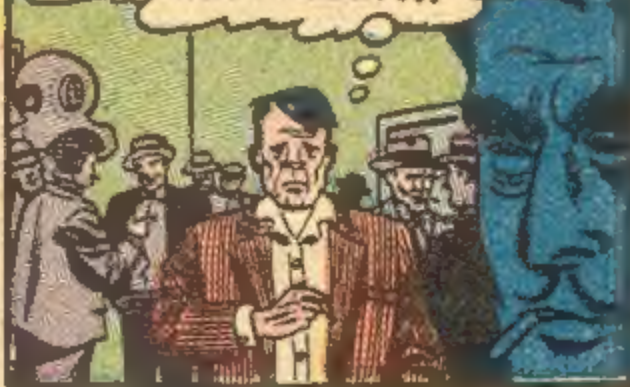


RIGHT! THE **PREDICTOR** WILL ANSWER NO MORE QUESTIONS!



MEANWHILE, AT THE **ACME SALVAGE COMPANY**, THE DISGUISED **BATMAN** AWAITS THE ARRIVAL OF THE MYSTERIOUS **MR. BLANK**...

EVERYBODY IMPORTANT IN THE UNDERWORLD IS HERE TONIGHT! **MR. BLANK** IS REALLY ORGANIZING, AND I'D BETTER WATCH MY STEP! IF THEY FIND OUT I'M NOT **ROBEY**...

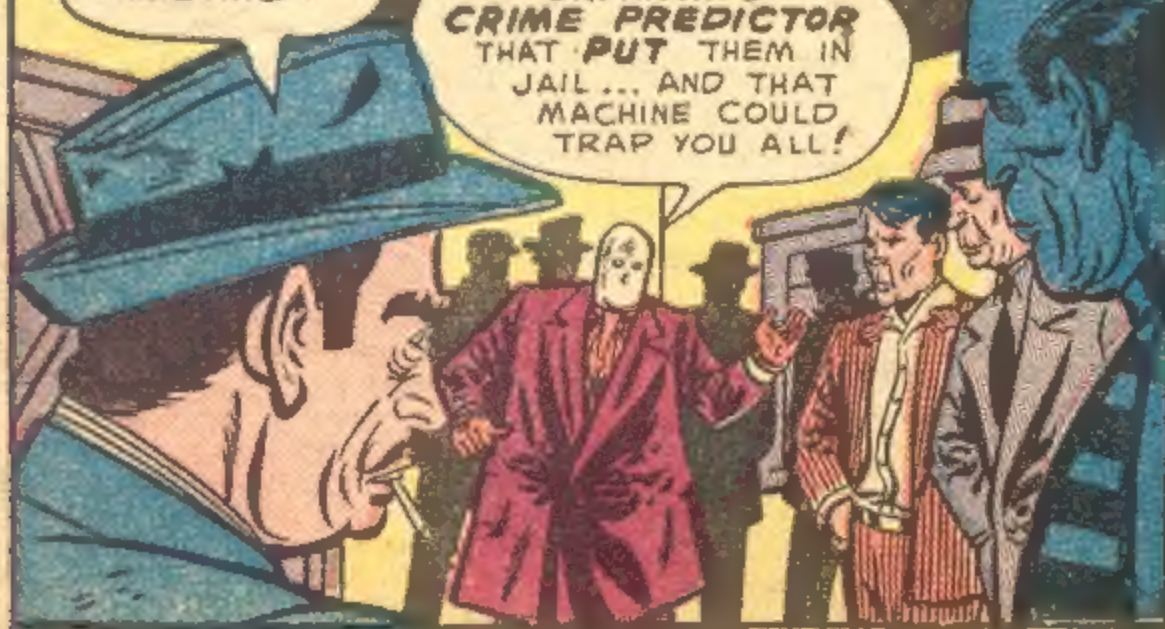


FINALLY, A MASKED MASTER CRIMINAL APPEARS!

BUT I'VE KIDNAPPED **ARVIN** AND AM KEEPING HIM IN A SAFE PLACE! UNLESS YOU ACCEPT ME AS BOSS, I'LL RELEASE HIM AND HE'LL BUILD ANOTHER **PREDICTOR** THAT'LL JAIL YOU ALL!

LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS! WHY DID YOU CALL THIS MEETING?

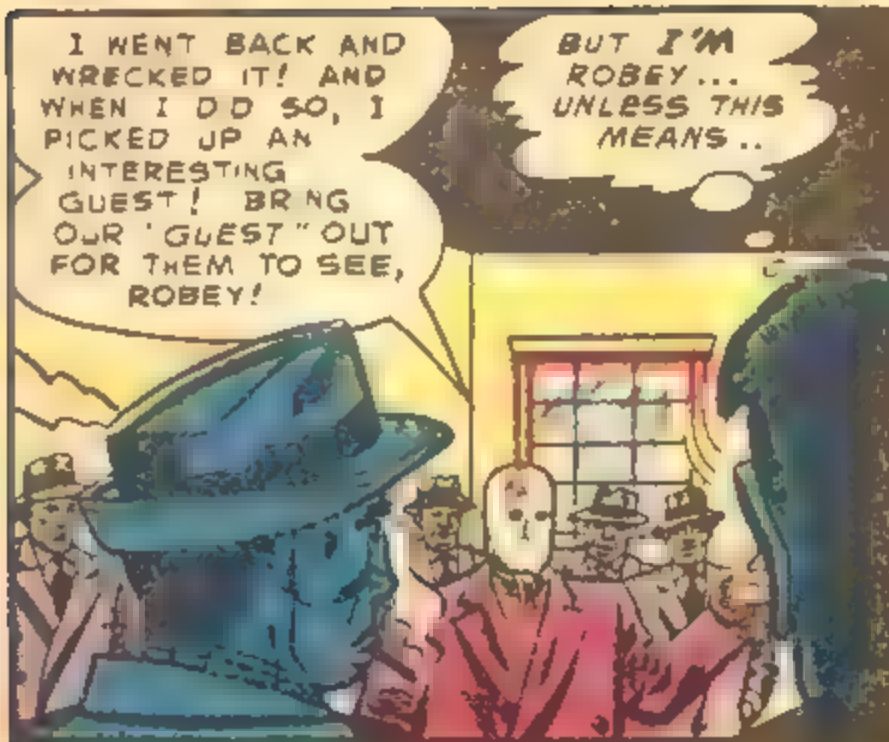
TO LET YOU ALL KNOW WHO'S BOSS, NOW THAT **WILDEN** AND **BOYAR** ARE IN JAIL! IT WAS **DR. ARVIN'S CRIME PREDICTOR** THAT PUT THEM IN JAIL... AND THAT MACHINE COULD TRAP YOU ALL!



LOOKS LIKE WE GOT TO FOLLOW YOU, **MR. BLANK**! BUT WHAT ABOUT THE **PREDICTOR** HE ALREADY BUILT?

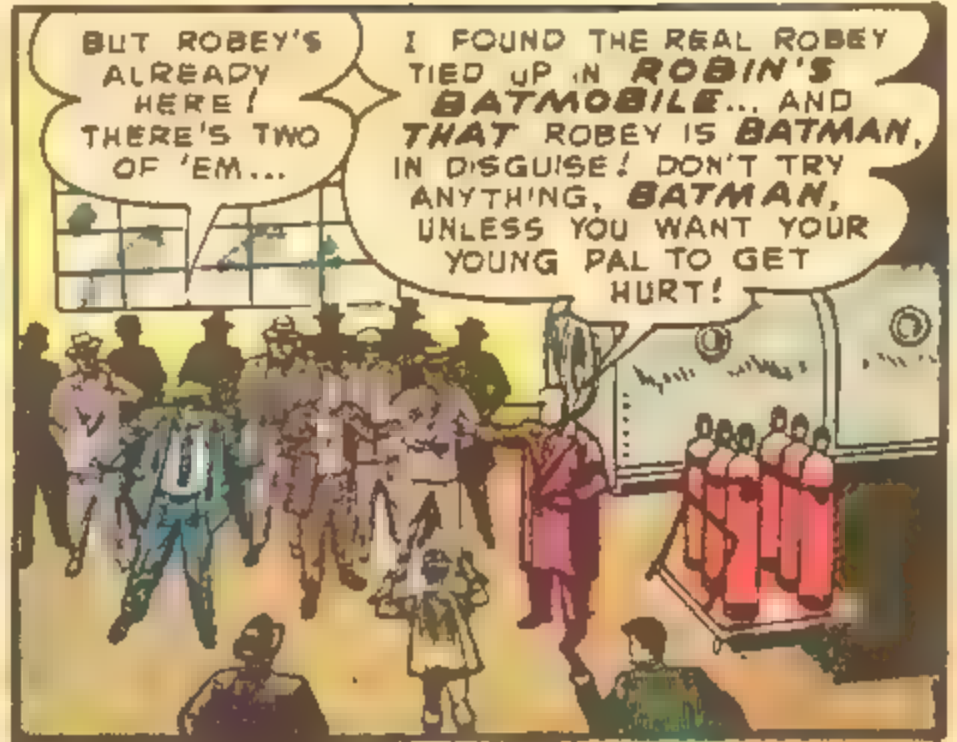






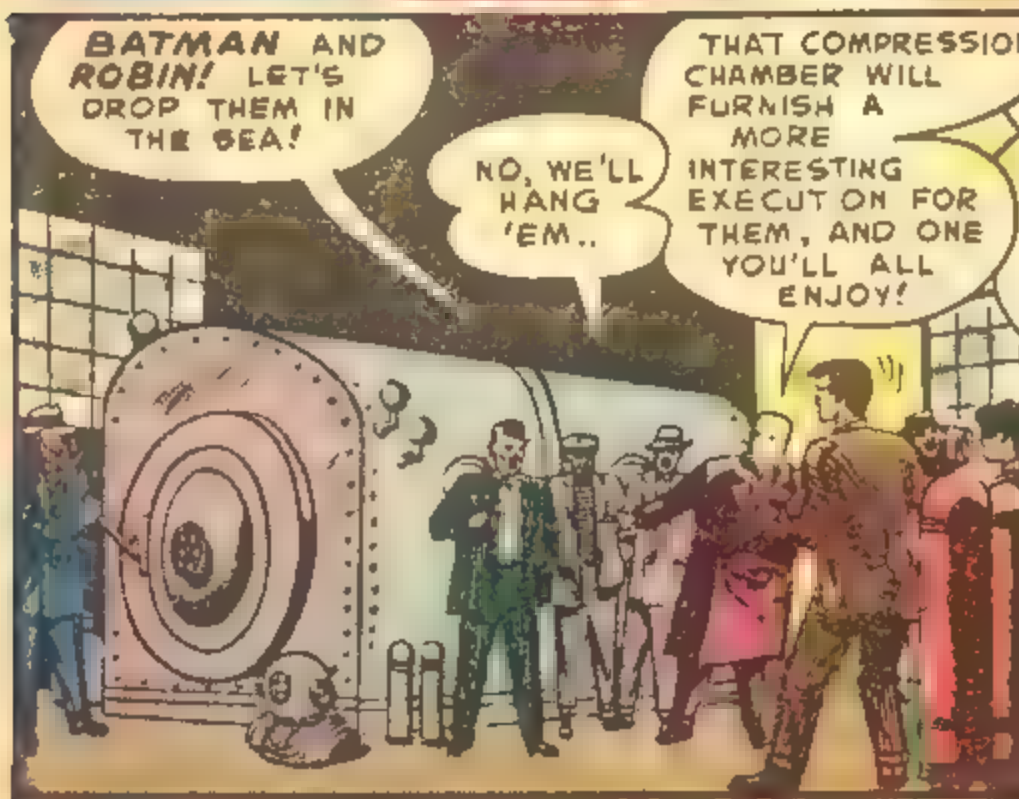
I WENT BACK AND WRECKED IT! AND WHEN I DID SO, I PICKED UP AN INTERESTING GUEST! BRING OUR "GUEST" OUT FOR THEM TO SEE, ROBEY!

BUT I'M ROBEY... UNLESS THIS MEANS...



BUT ROBEY'S ALREADY HERE! THERE'S TWO OF 'EM...

I FOUND THE REAL ROBEY TIED UP IN **ROBIN'S BATMOBILE**... AND **THAT ROBEY IS BATMAN**, IN DISGUISE! DON'T TRY ANYTHING, **BATMAN**, UNLESS YOU WANT YOUR YOUNG PAL TO GET HURT!



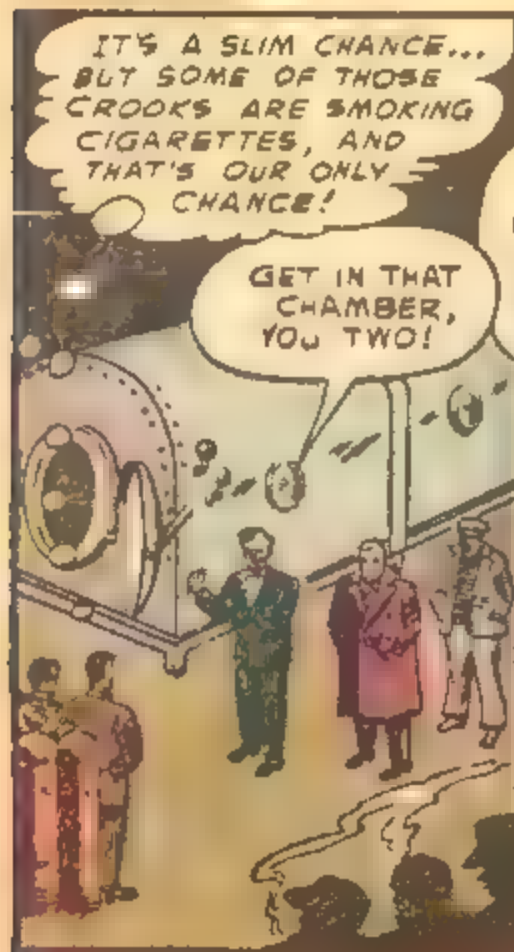
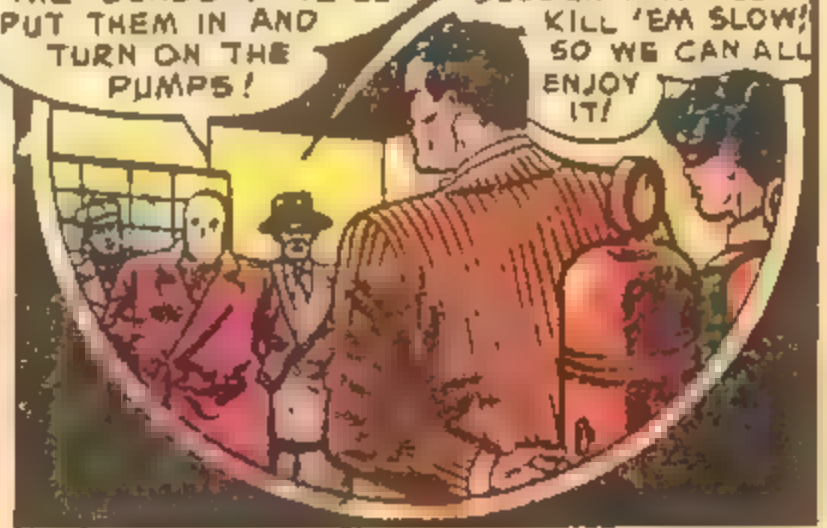
**BATMAN AND ROBIN!** LET'S DROP THEM IN THE SEA!

NO, WE'LL HANG 'EM...

THAT COMPRESSION-CHAMBER WILL FURNISH A MORE INTERESTING EXECUTION FOR THEM, AND ONE YOU'LL ALL ENJOY!

THAT CHAMBER'S USED TO KEEP DEEP-SEA DIVERS UNDER HIGH COMPRESSED-AIR PRESSURE WHEN THEY FIRST COME UP, SO THEY WON'T GET THE "BENDS"! WE'LL PUT THEM IN AND TURN ON THE PUMPS!

WHAT AN IDEA! WHEN WE SUDDENLY OPEN UP AND DROP THE PRESSURE ON THEM, THE SUDDEN DROP'LL KILL 'EM SLOW! SO WE CAN ALL ENJOY IT!



IT'S A SLIM CHANCE... BUT SOME OF THOSE CROOKS ARE SMOKING CIGARETTES, AND THAT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!

GET IN THAT CHAMBER, YOU TWO!

PRESENTLY, AS THE CRIME-FIGHTERS ARE LOCKED INSIDE THE CHAMBER...

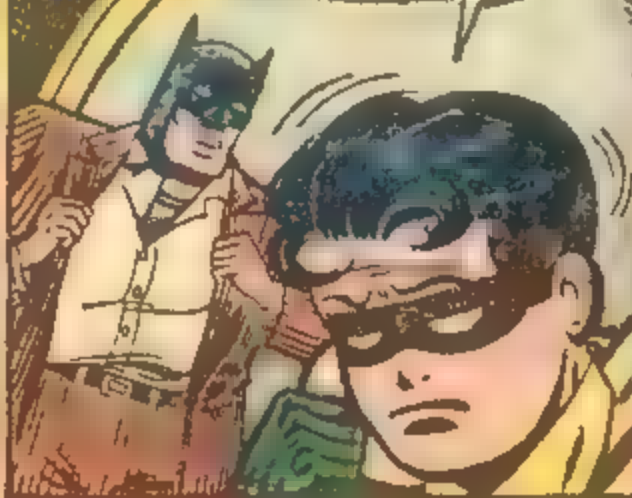
NO USE KEEPING THIS DISGUISE... IF WE GO OUT, IT'LL BE IN OUR OWN COSTUMES!

**BATMAN**, IT'S MY FAULT... I WAS WORRIED ABOUT THE **PREDICTOR'S** PROPHECY, AND THOUGHT THE MACHINE MIGHT HELP ME TO HELP YOU...

AS PUMPS BEGIN THROBBING OMINOUSLY, FORCING AIR INTO THE TANK...

THERE'S NO WAY OUT OF THIS ONE! BUT THAT IT SHOULD BE **ME** WHO HELPED THAT TERRIBLE PREDICTION TO COME TRUE!

WE'VE STILL ONE CHANCE! WITHOUT THEIR SEEING, I OPENED THE VALVES OF THOSE ACETYLENE TANKS THAT STOOD BEHIND US...





AS THE CRIMINALS GLOAT OVER A CHAMBER OF DOOM.

THE PRESSURE WILL SOON BUILD UP! AND WHEN IT'S HIGH ENOUGH AND WE OPEN UP, IT'LL BE A SIGHT TO SEE THOSE TWO WRITHING!

THERE'S A SMELL OF ACETYLENE ESCAPING! PUT OUT YOUR CIGARETTES BEFORE...

S.S.S.S.S.

SUDDENLY, A SHATTERING EXPLOSION!

THE GAS IGNITES! IT DID! LOOK OUT!

IT WORKED, ROBIN, AND TORE OPEN THE CHAMBER'S DOOR! NOW'S OUR CHANCE!

BOOM!

PROTECTED BY THEIR STEEL CHAMBER FROM THE SHOCK OF THE EXPLOSION, THE DYNAMIC DUO CHARGES OUT FOR VENGEANCE...

THIS SUIT WILL HELP YOU TAKE A DIVE, RAT!

NO, MR. BLANK, YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE!

AND WHEN POLICE, DRAWN BY THE EXPLOSION, ARRIVE MOMENTS LATER...

YOU GOT MR. BLANK! BUT WHAT ABOUT DR. ARVIN?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ARVIN, COMMISSIONER! HE'S...

...RIGHT HERE! FOR ARVIN HIMSELF WAS MR. BLANK! HIS PREDICTOR WAS A CLEVER PHONY, USED TO SCARE THE UNDERWORLD INTO ACCEPTING HIM AS BOSS! I REALIZED THAT WHEN HE BLACKMAILED ALL THESE CROOKS HERE BY THREATENING TO "RELEASE" ARVIN IF THEY DIDN'T OBEY HIM!

BUT HIS PREDICTIONS OF CRIMES DID COME TRUE!

YES, FOR THEY WERE SIMPLY TIP-OFFS OF PLANNED CRIMES HE'D LEARNED ABOUT FROM UNDERWORLD GOSSIP! A CLEVER SCHEME TO MAKE HIMSELF MASTER OF THE UNDERWORLD BY ELIMINATING COMPETITION!

I GET IT NOW! THROUGH THE PREDICTOR, HE COULD GET ANY CROOKS, WHO CROSSED HIM, ARRESTED! AND BECAUSE OF HIS SCIENTIFIC REPUTATION, HE THOUGHT HE WOULDN'T BE SUSPECTED!

ARVIN, LET ME MAKE A PREDICTION THIS TIME... I PREDICT THAT YOU'RE GOING TO PRISON FOR A LONG, LONG TIME!

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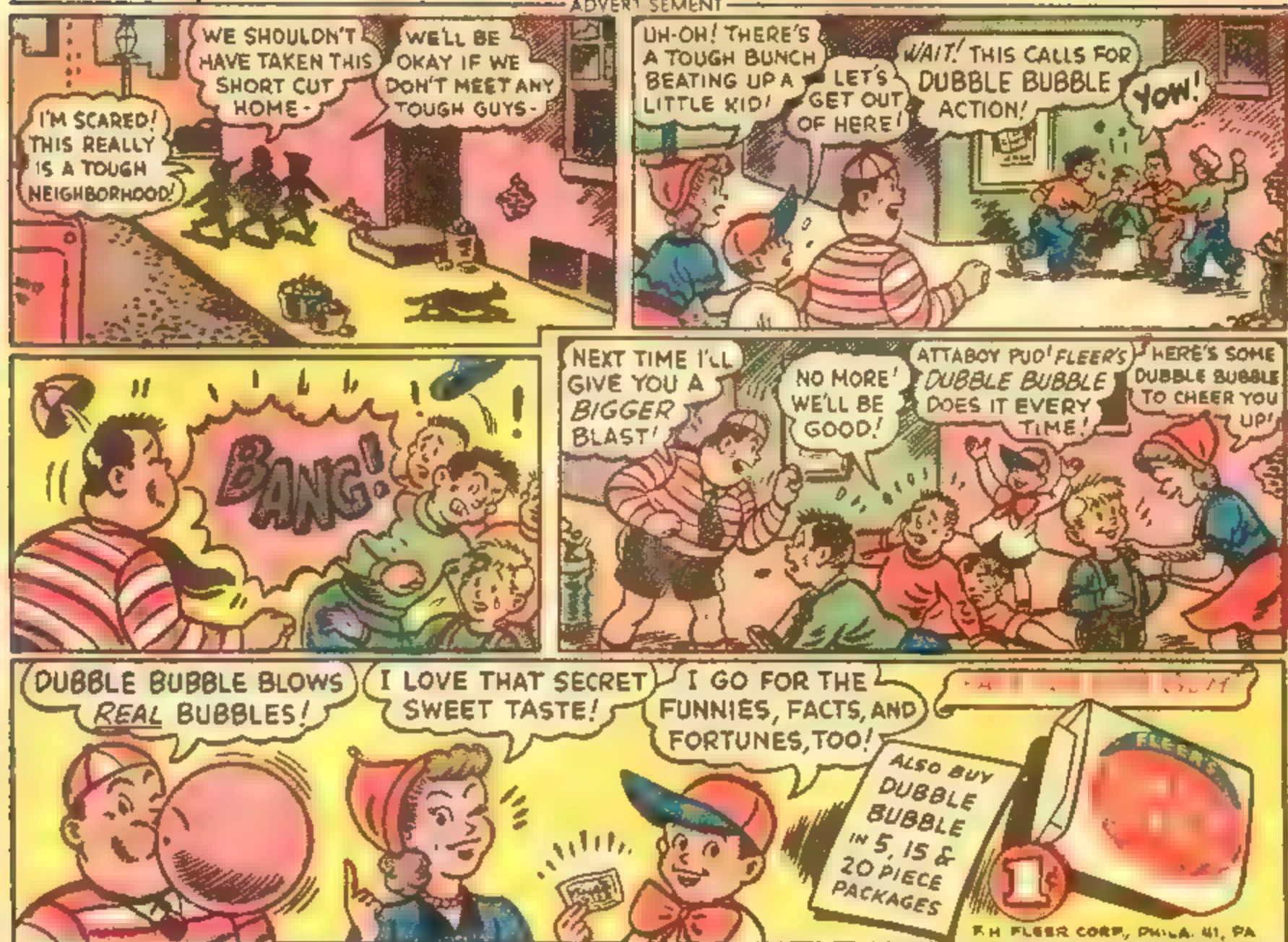
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THE BOY WONDER

by

BOB  
KANE

**T**HIS IS THE STORY OF FIVE  
BRILLIANT YOUNG MEN,  
SUDDENLY PLUCKED FROM  
THEIR EVERYDAY LIVES,  
AND PLUNGED INTO AN  
AMAZING ADVENTURE!  
FIVE MEN...SYMBOLICALLY  
LIKENED TO A FIVE-  
POINTED STAR BY  
COMMISSIONER GORDON,  
CREATOR OF THIS TOP-  
SECRET ORGANIZATION!

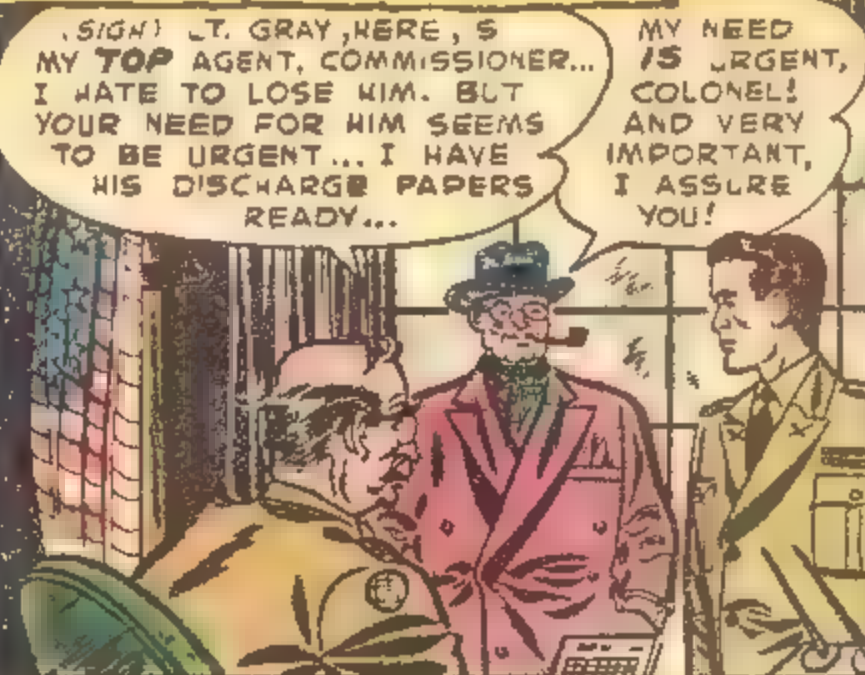
FOR THESE ARE THE MEN  
WHO MUST TAKE OVER,  
SHOULD THE GREAT  
BATMAN AND ROBIN  
FALL! A MASTER PLAN,  
AND A MASTERFUL  
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HAPPENS SWIFTLY,  
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PENSEFULLY TO  
A UNIQUE BODY  
OF FIVE MEN.



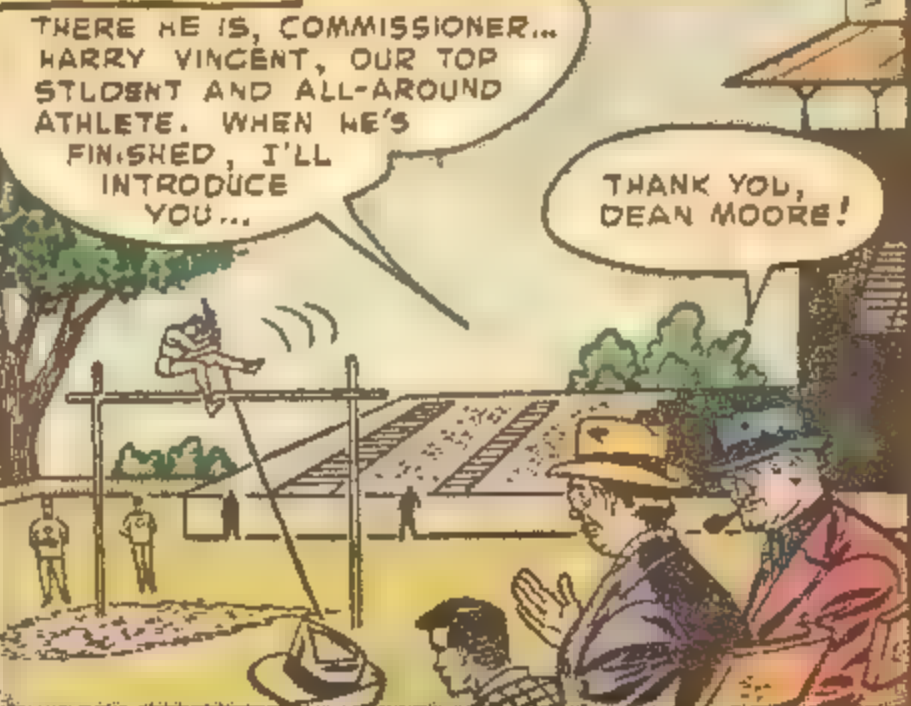
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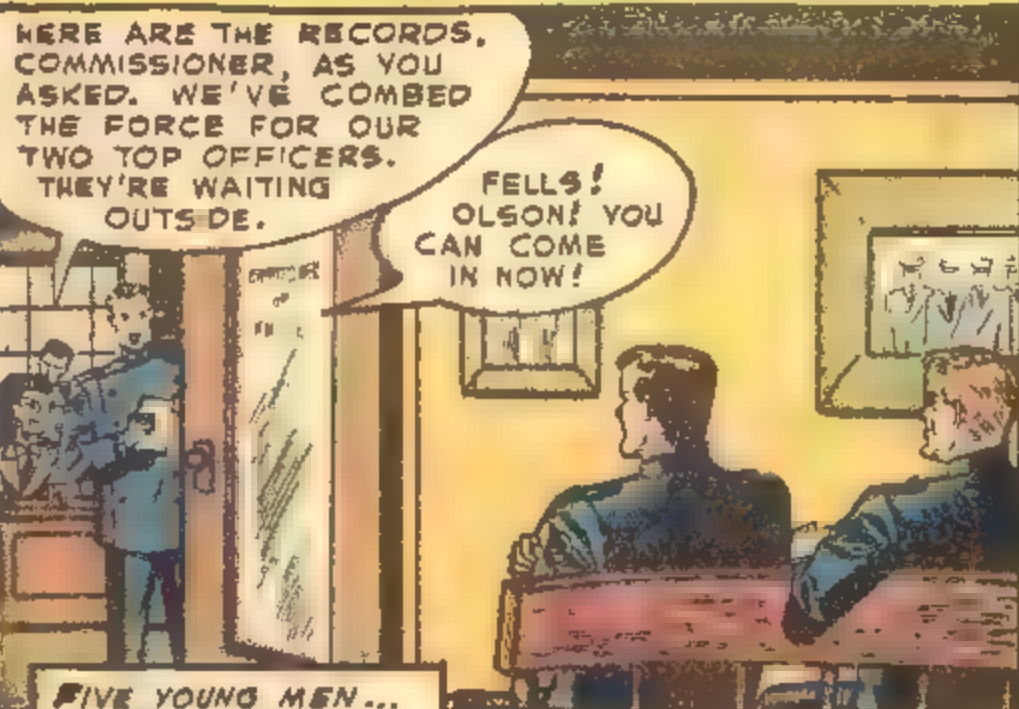
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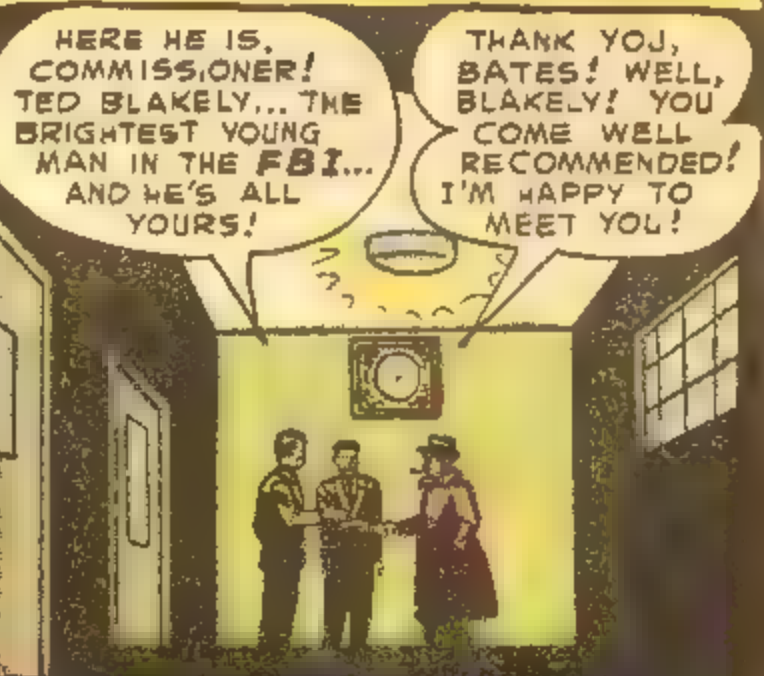
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AND LATER THAT DAY, BACK AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...



NEXT DAY, THE SCENE SHIFTS... TO WASHINGTON, AND THE FBI BUILDING...

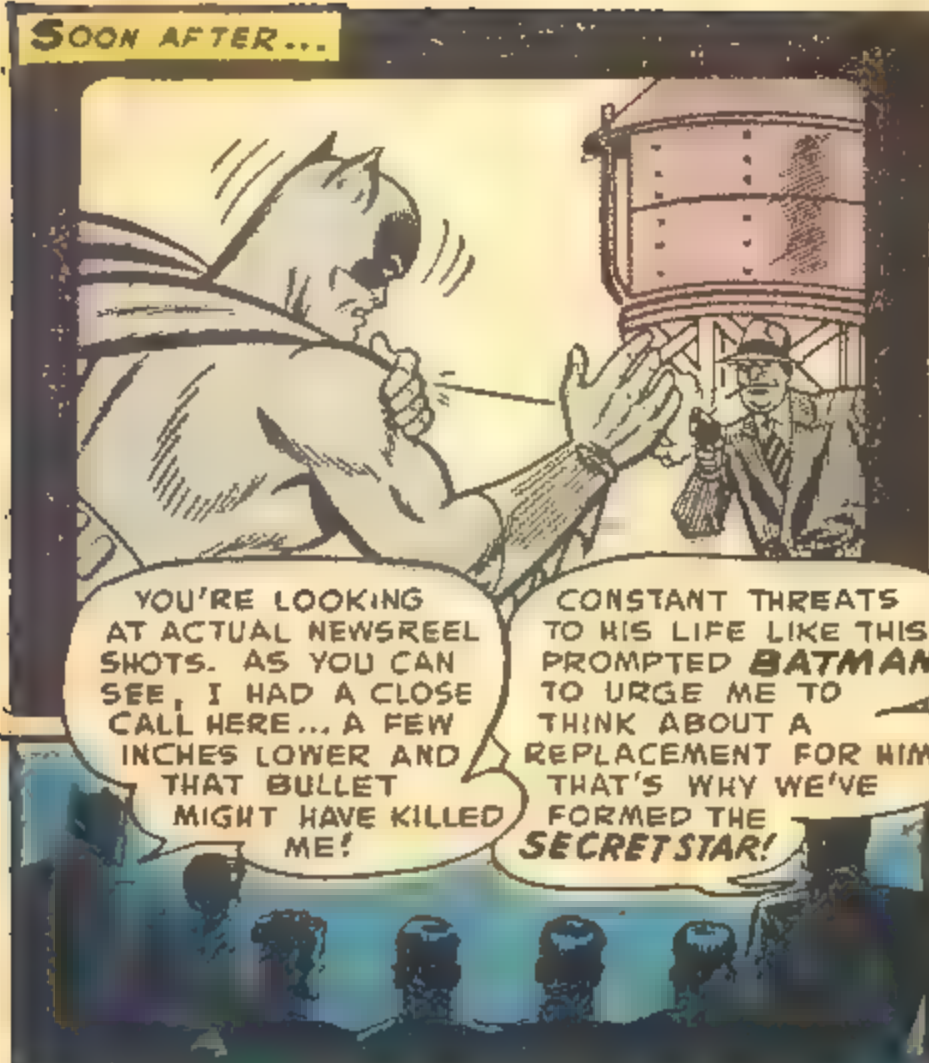


FIVE YOUNG MEN... HAND-PICKED BY GORDON FOR AN UNUSUAL AND TOP SECRET MISSION! WHAT IS IT??? COME, LET'S FIND OUT!



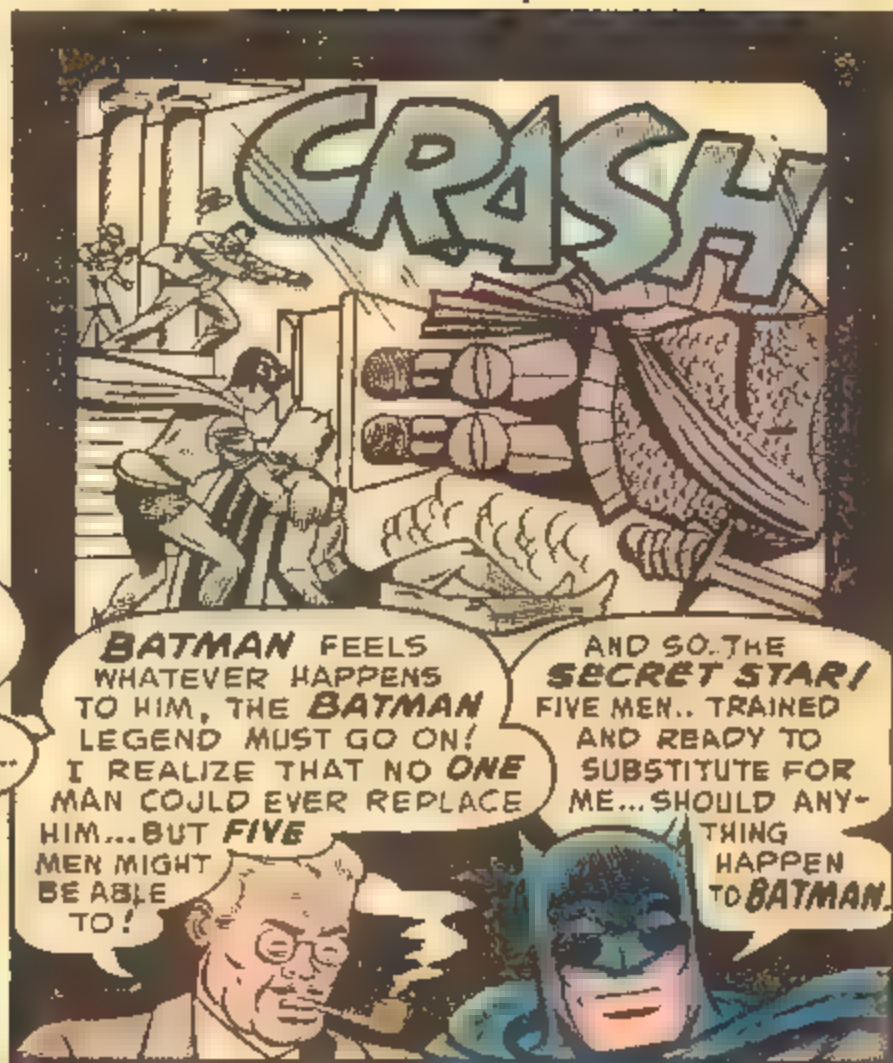


SOON AFTER...



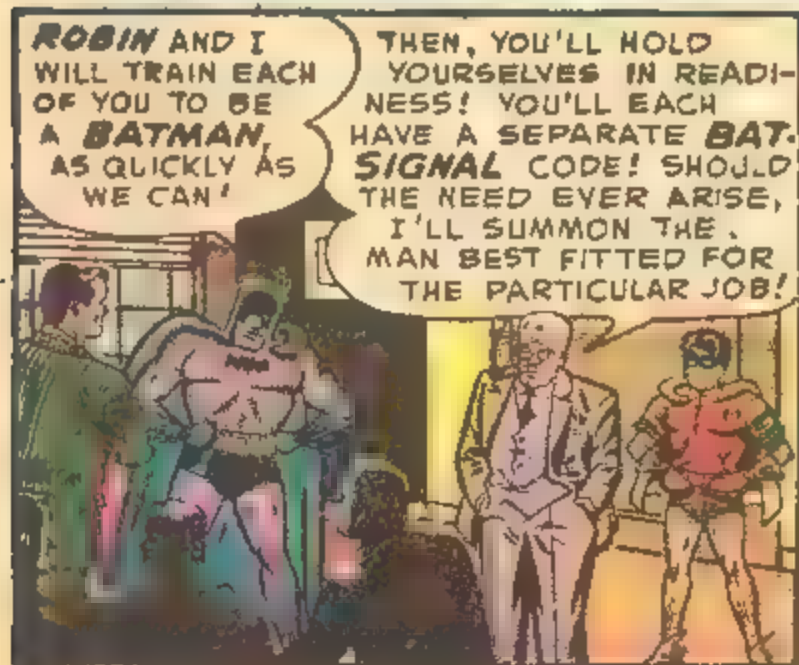
YOU'RE LOOKING AT ACTUAL NEWSREEL SHOTS. AS YOU CAN SEE, I HAD A CLOSE CALL HERE... A FEW INCHES LOWER AND THAT BULLET MIGHT HAVE KILLED ME!

CONSTANT THREATS TO HIS LIFE LIKE THIS PROMPTED **BATMAN** TO URGE ME TO THINK ABOUT A REPLACEMENT FOR HIM... THAT'S WHY WE'VE FORMED THE **SECRET STAR!**



**BATMAN** FEELS WHATEVER HAPPENS TO HIM, THE **BATMAN** LEGEND MUST GO ON! I REALIZE THAT NO **ONE** MAN COULD EVER REPLACE HIM... BUT **FIVE** MEN MIGHT BE ABLE TO!

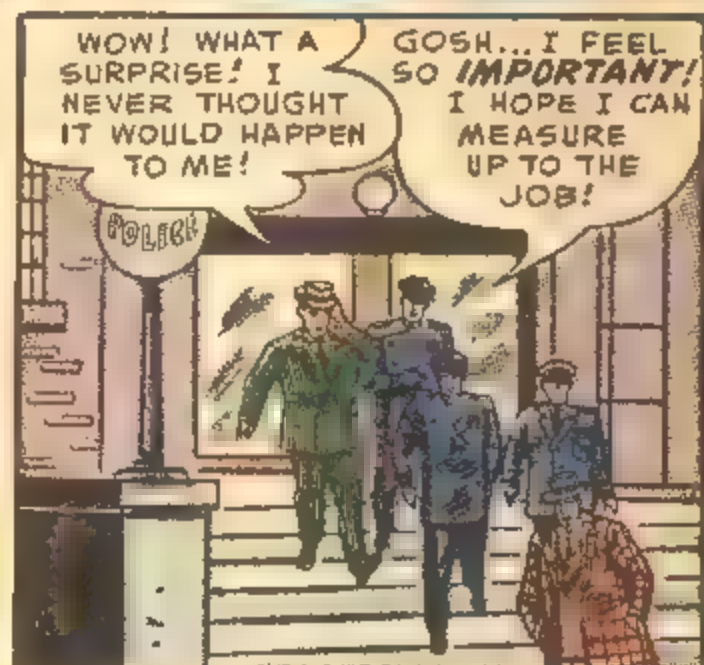
AND SO THE **SECRET STAR!** FIVE MEN.. TRAINED AND READY TO SUBSTITUTE FOR ME... SHOULD ANYTHING HAPPEN TO **BATMAN**.



**ROBIN** AND I WILL TRAIN EACH OF YOU TO BE A **BATMAN**, AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN!

THEN, YOU'LL HOLD YOURSELVES IN READINESS! YOU'LL EACH HAVE A SEPARATE **BAT-SIGNAL** CODE! SHOULD THE NEED EVER ARISE, I'LL SUMMON THE MAN BEST FITTED FOR THE PARTICULAR JOB!

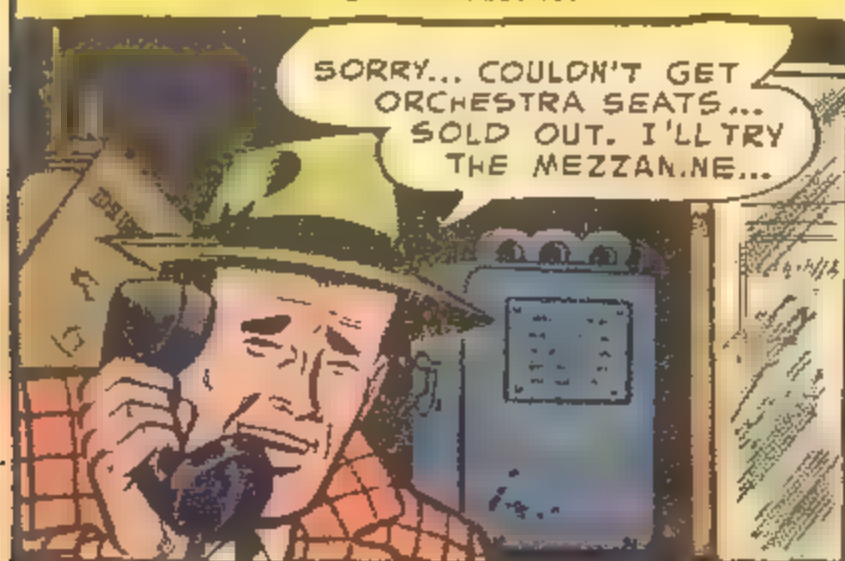
**FIVE YOUNG MEN... ON THE BRINK OF A GREAT ADVENTURE! WHAT IS THEIR REACTION? HOW DO THEY FEEL? LET'S FOLLOW THEM, AS THEY LEAVE HEADQUARTERS...**



WOW! WHAT A SURPRISE! I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD HAPPEN TO ME!

GOSH... I FEEL SO IMPORTANT! I HOPE I CAN MEASURE UP TO THE JOB!

YES... FIVE MEN BUBBLING WITH YOUTHFUL ENTHUSIASM AND EXCITEMENT! BUT WAIT! **FBI** AGENT **BLAKELY** DROPS OUT, TO MAKE A PHONE CALL! LET'S WATCH **THIS** MAN VERY CAREFULLY...



SORRY... COULDN'T GET ORCHESTRA SEATS... SOLD OUT. I'LL TRY THE MEZZANINE...

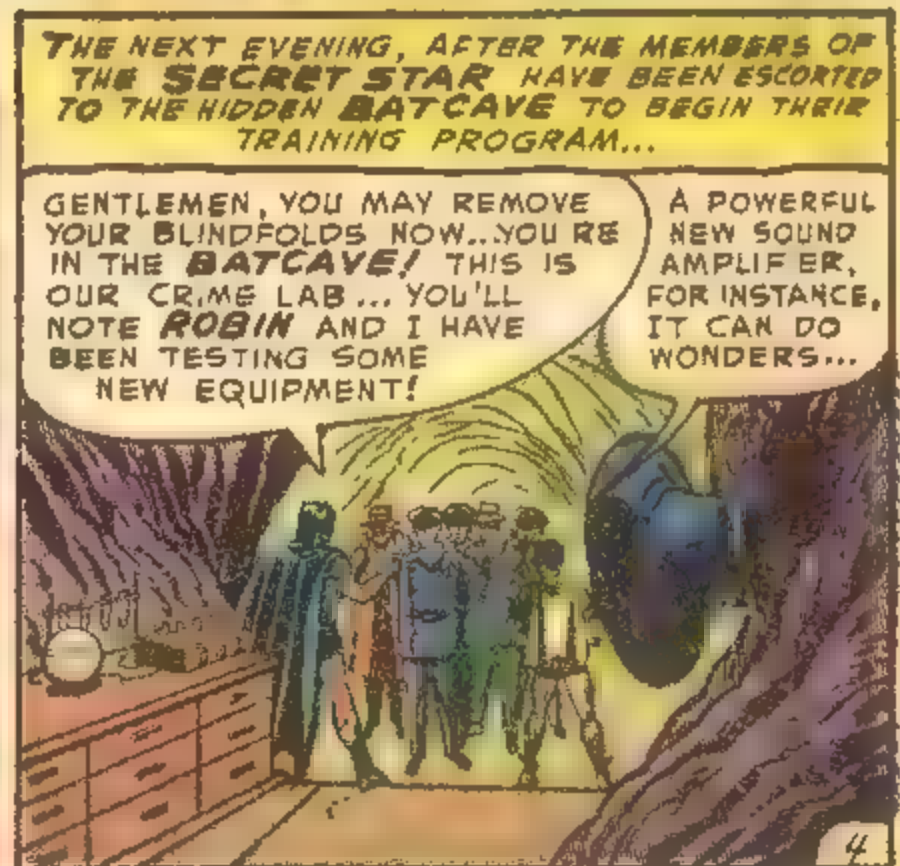
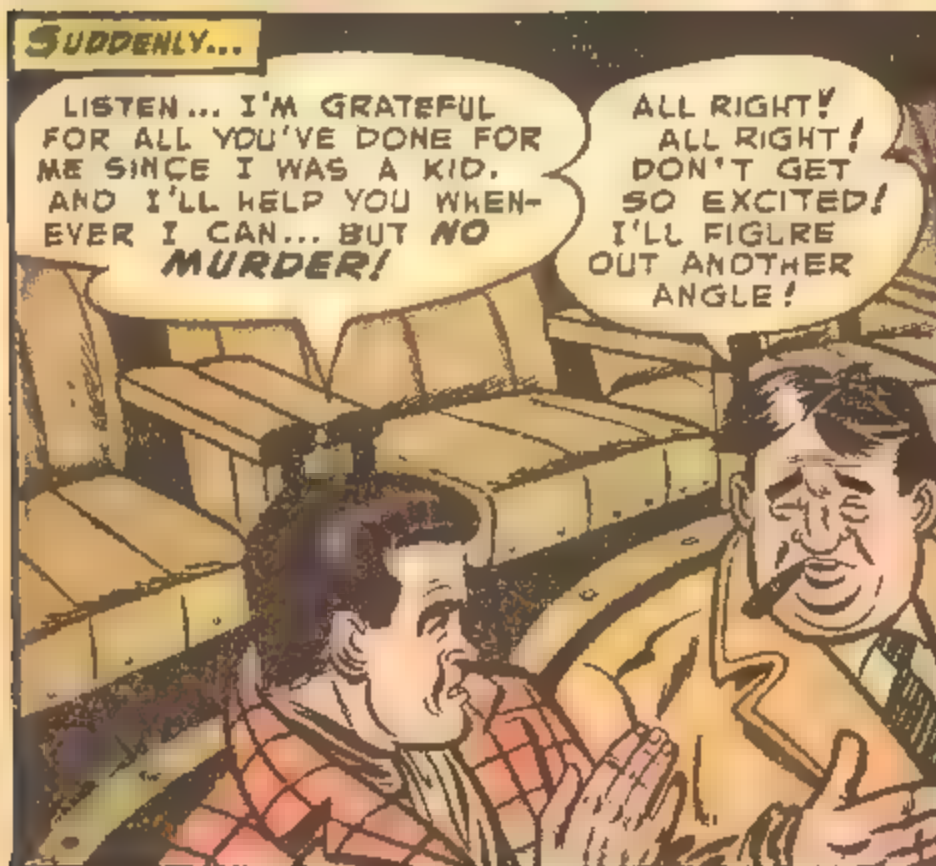
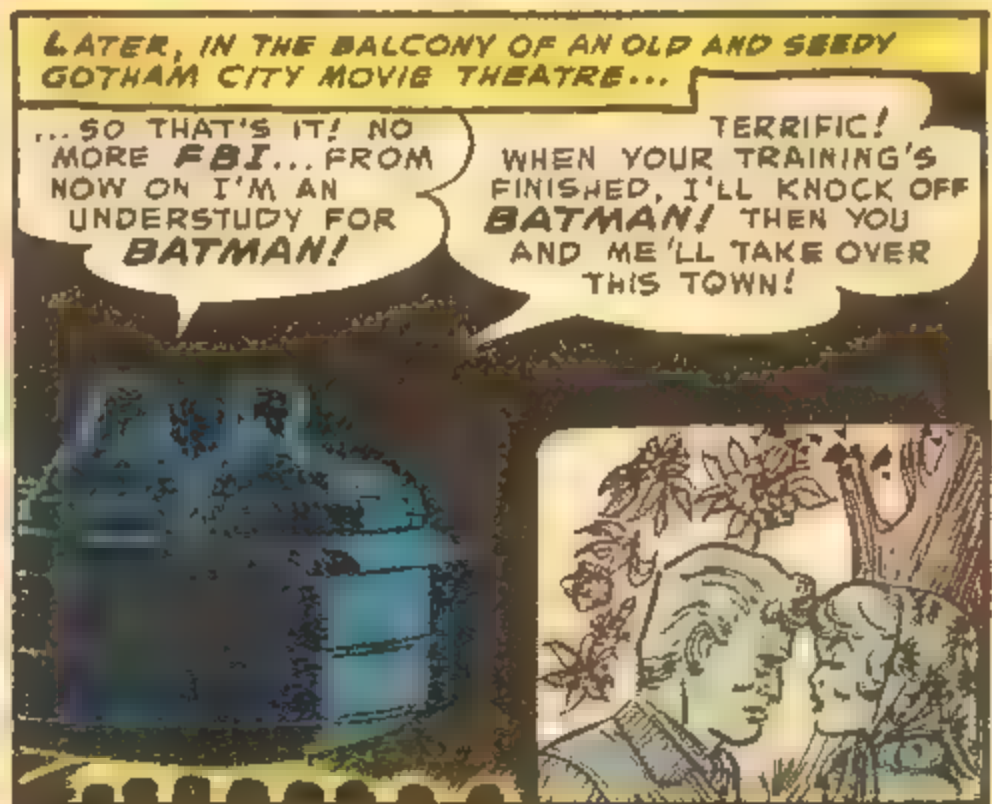
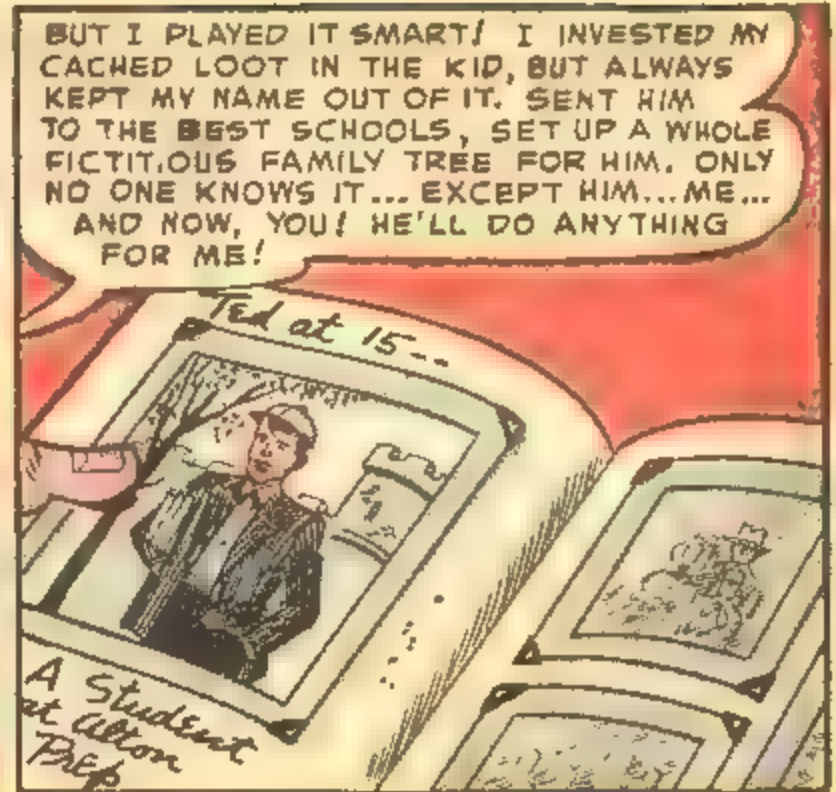
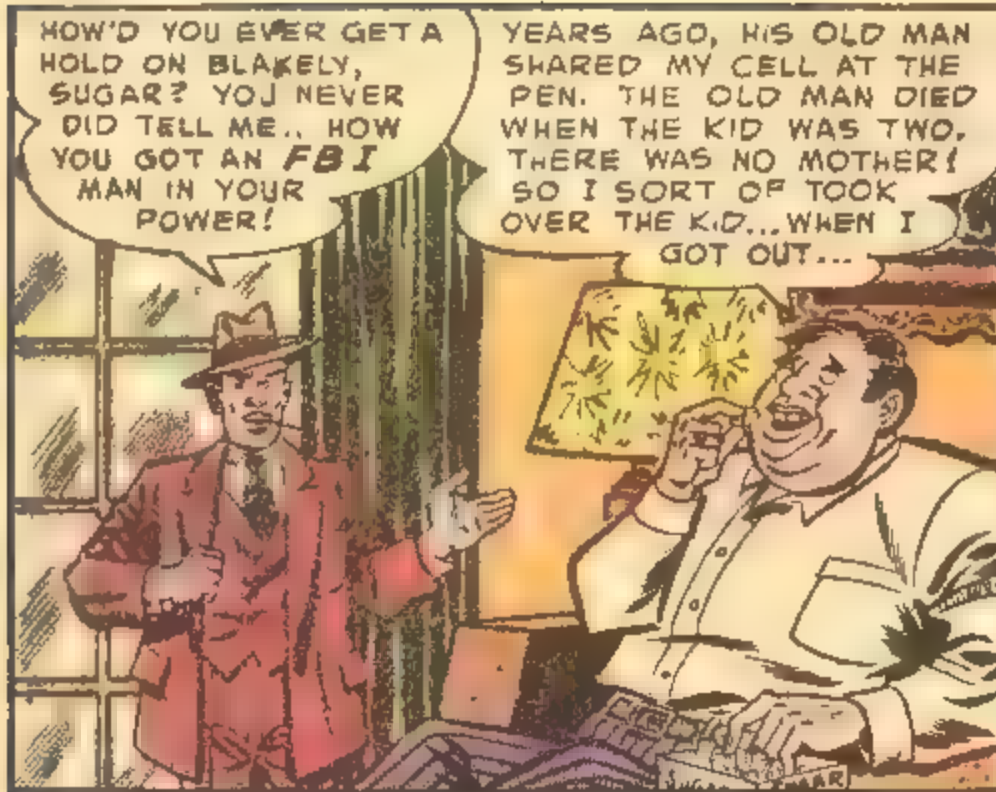
A STRANGE MESSAGE, AT A TIME LIKE THIS! BUT IT MAKES PLENTY OF SENSE TO THE MAN WHO RECEIVES IT... RACKET CZAR **MATT "SUGAR" KROLER!**

HEY, LAY OFF THAT **SUGAR** FOR A WHILE, BOSS... YOU'RE EATIN' IT LIKE A HORSE!

ALWAYS DO WHEN I'M EXCITED, GUS! JUST GOT A CALL FROM **YOUNG BLAKELY**! HE WANTS TO MEET ME... SOMETHING'S COOKING!









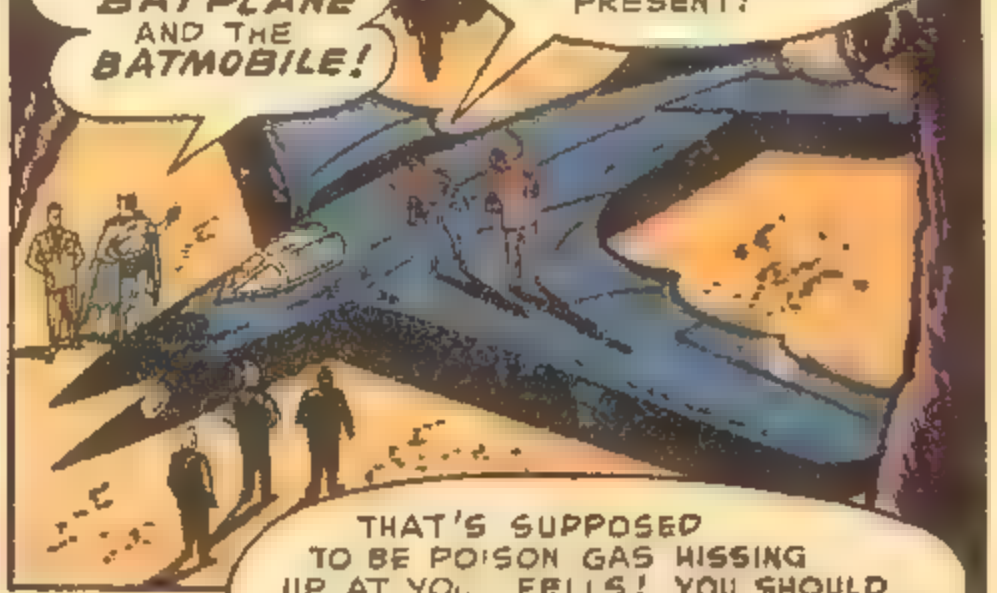
HERE'S OUR HALL OF TROPHIES. IT CONTAINS SOUVENIRS OF SOME OF GOTHAM CITY'S GREATEST CRIMES...

AND A CONSTANT REMINDER TO **BATMAN** OF THE DANGERS HE'S FACED. ONE OF THE REASONS YOU'RE ALL HERE TONIGHT!

THEN, SOON AFTER...

FIRST THINGS FIRST! YOU'LL HAVE TO LEARN HOW TO OPERATE THE **BATPLANE** AND THE **BATMOBILE!**

RIGHT NOW WE'VE REMOVED THE TOP SECRET DEVICES OF BOTH MACHINES. YOU'LL LEARN ABOUT **THEM** AS A GRADUATION PRESENT!



THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE POISON GAS HISsing UP AT YOU, FELLs! YOU SHOULD HAVE LEANED OVER AND GRABBED THAT **CANDLE** WITH YOUR **TEETH**. THEN, BY TWISTING YOUR HEAD TO THE RIGHT SPOT, YOU COULD HAVE DROPPED WAX DRIPPINGS INTO THE HOLE AND CLOSED IT UP!

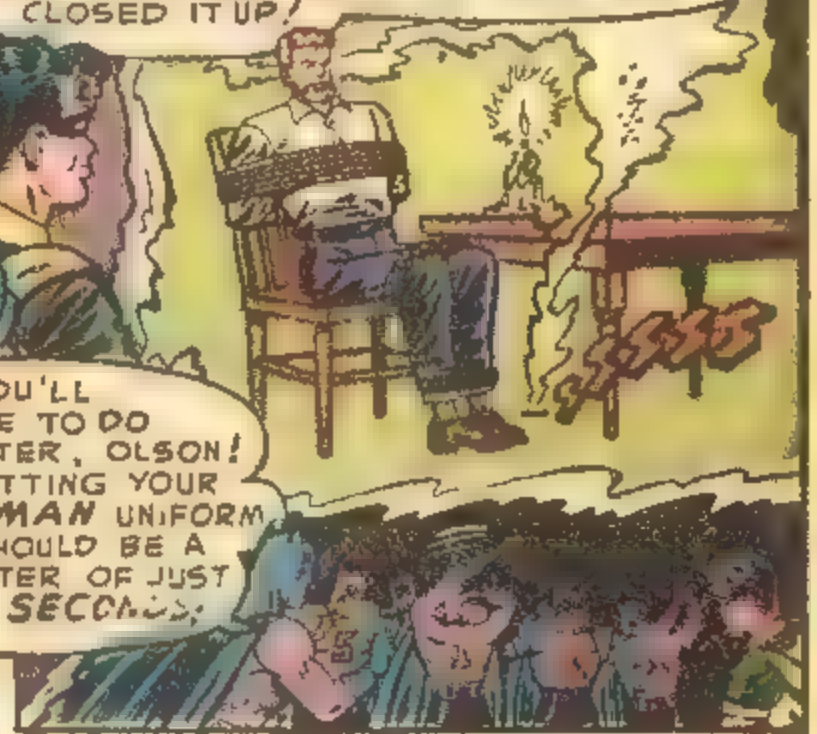
AND, AS TIME PASSES...

NO, BLAKELY! BEFORE YOU USE THE UTILITY BELT'S GAS PELLETS, ALWAYS MAKE SURE YOU'VE INSERTED THE FILTERS IN YOUR NOSE!

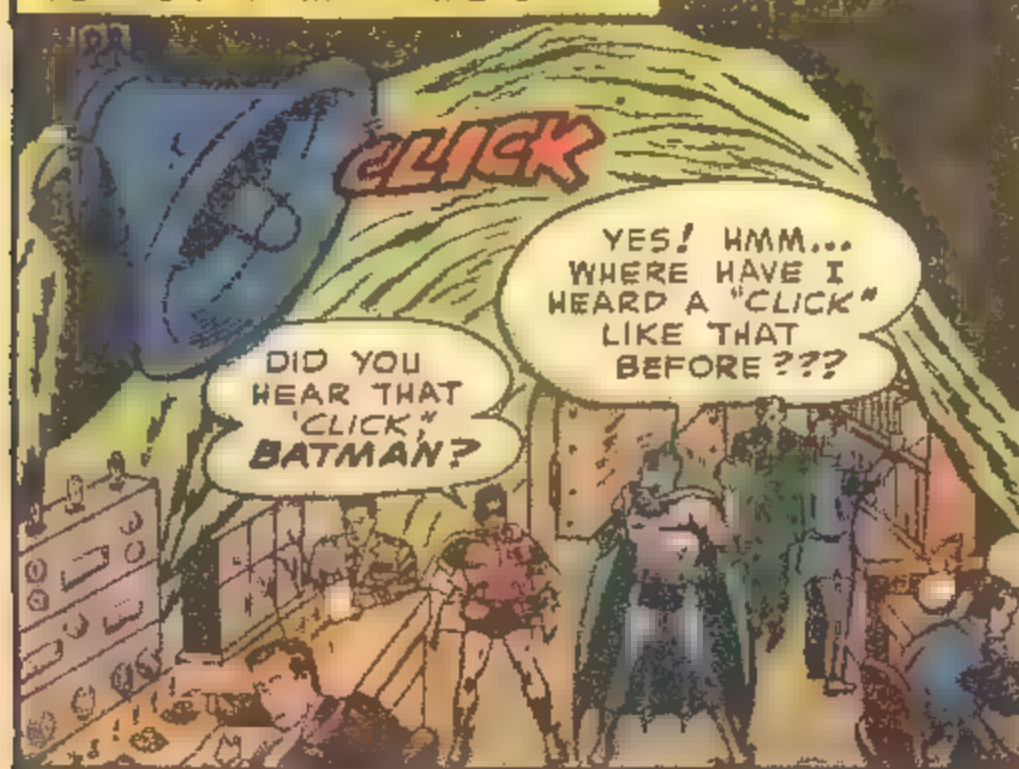
COUGH  
COUGH



YOU'LL HAVE TO DO BETTER, OLSON! GETTING YOUR **BATMAN** UNIFORM ON SHOULD BE A MATTER OF JUST A FEW SECCANDS.



AND, AS THE PROSPECTIVE **BATMEN** STUDY FURTHER IN THE CRIME LAB...



DID YOU HEAR THAT 'CLICK' **BATMAN**?

YES! HMM... WHERE HAVE I HEARD A "CLICK" LIKE THAT BEFORE ???

LATER...

THAT DOES IT FOR TONIGHT! YOU'VE ALL COME ALONG VERY WELL... YOUR TRAINING'S ALMOST FINISHED. NOW LET'S GET THESE BLINDS ON SO THAT WE MAY TAKE YOU TO YOUR HOMES!





NEXT EVENING, IN THE HOME OF MILLIONAIRE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON.

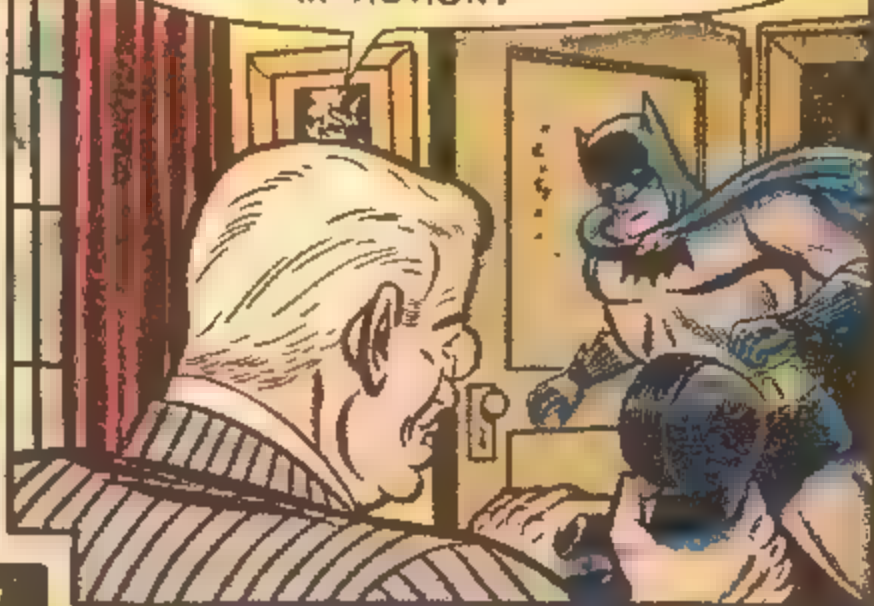
OH, WELL! TIME FOR US TO GET READY FOR ANOTHER **BATMAN**-CONDUCTED TRAINING SESSION!

YOU'RE WRONG! TIME FOR US TO GET READY AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**! THERE GOES THE **BAT-SIGNAL**!



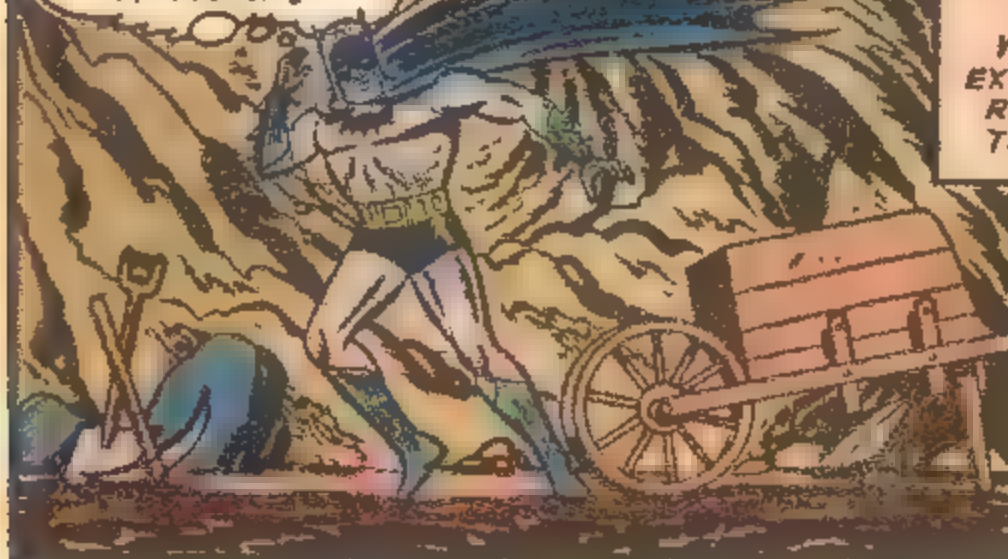
AND SCANT MOMENTS LATER...

**BATMAN!** A PAYROLL ROBBERY REPORTED AT THE ATHENS MINING CO.! HURRY OVER THERE! **ROBIN...** YOU ROUND UP THE **SECRET STAR** I WANT THEM TO WATCH **BATMAN** IN ACTION!



SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, AS **BATMAN** RACES THROUGH A TUNNEL OF A COAL MINE...

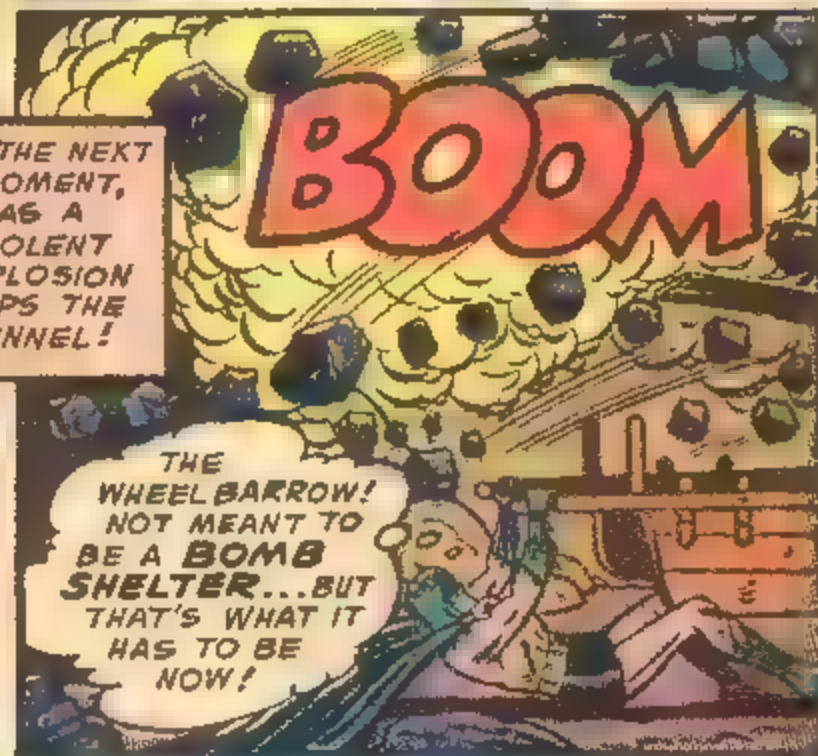
THAT SPLUTTERING SOUND... A FUSE! I'VE RUN INTO A TRAP!



IN THE NEXT MOMENT, AS A VIOLENT EXPLOSION RIPS THE TUNNEL!

**BOOM!**

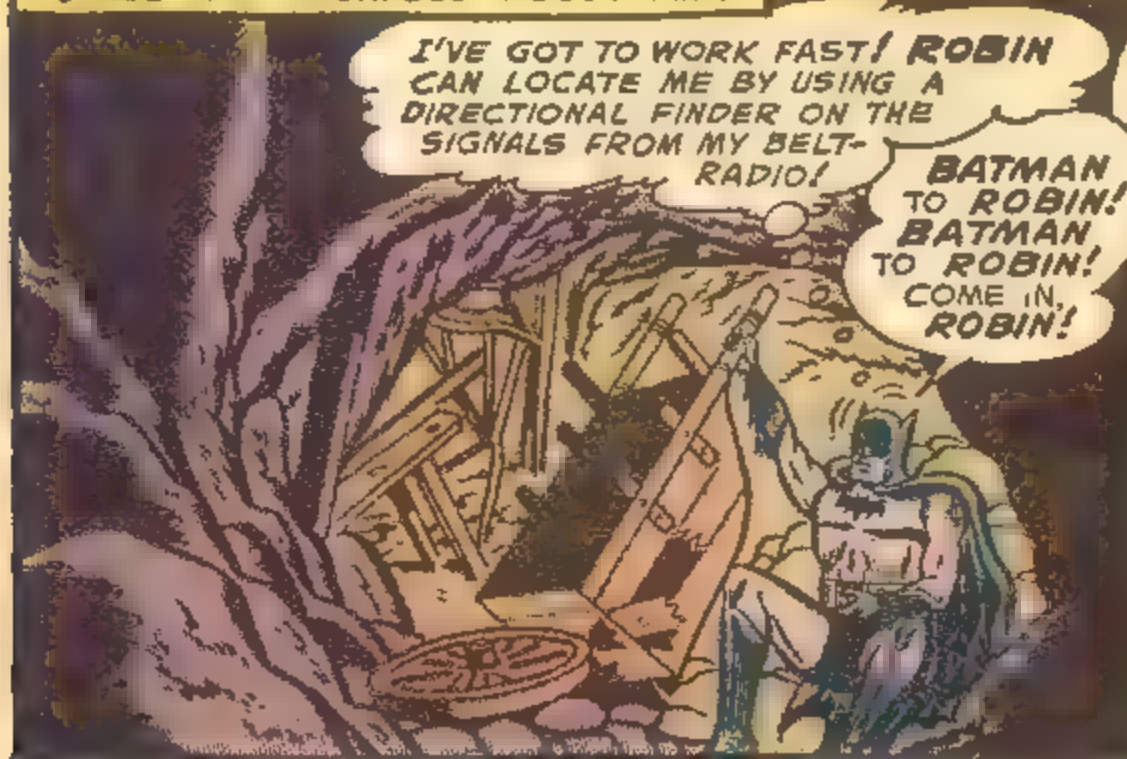
THE WHEELBARROW! NOT MEANT TO BE A **BOMB SHELTER...** BUT THAT'S WHAT IT HAS TO BE NOW!



**BATMAN'S** QUICK THINKING SAVES HIS LIFE... BUT THE TUNNEL HAS COLLAPSED ABOUT HIM!

I'VE GOT TO WORK FAST! **ROBIN** CAN LOCATE ME BY USING A DIRECTIONAL FINDER ON THE SIGNALS FROM MY BELT-RADIO!

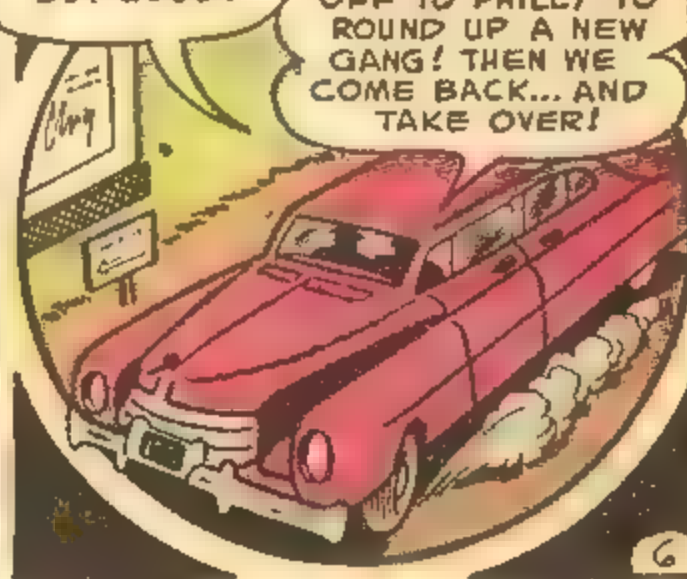
**BATMAN TO ROBIN! BATMAN TO ROBIN! COME IN, ROBIN!**



MEANWHILE...

NICE GOIN', SUGAR! THAT BLAST TOOK CARE OF **BATMAN...** BUT GOOD!

YES! HA-HA! AND I'M SURE I'M GOING TO LIKE MY **NEW BATMAN** MUCH MORE! COME ON, DALY... WE'RE OFF TO PHILLY TO ROUND UP A NEW GANG! THEN WE COME BACK... AND TAKE OVER!

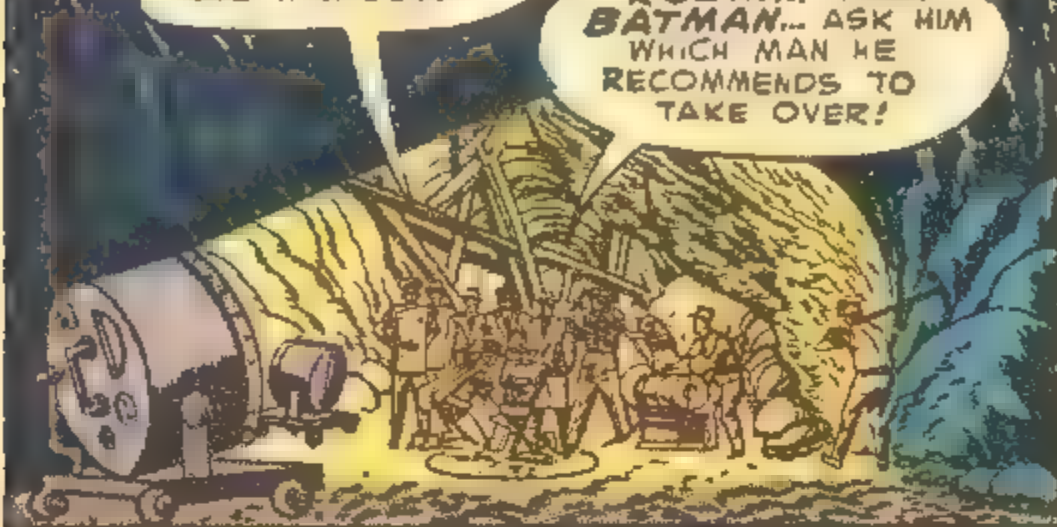




A HALFHOUR LATER...

WE'VE REACHED **BATMAN!**  
THIS PIPE WILL BRING HIM  
OXYGEN, FOOD AND WATER!  
BUT THE SAND-HOGS SAY IT  
WILL TAKE **TWO DAYS** TO  
DIG HIM OUT!

THANK HEAVENS  
HE'S ALL RIGHT!  
HMM.. TWO DAYS!  
THIS MIGHT BE THE  
TIME TO TEST OUR  
**SECRET STAR!**  
**ROBIN...** RADIO  
**BATMAN...** ASK HIM  
WHICH MAN HE  
RECOMMENDS TO  
TAKE OVER!



MEANWHILE, AS TED BLAKELY  
INVESTIGATES ON HIS OWN...

SNIFF! SNIFF!

CARAMEL!  
I WONDER..?



A MOMENT LATER...

COME ON, BLAKELY...  
WE'VE GOT TO GET  
OUR SIGNALS STRAIGHT!  
YOU'RE TAKING OVER  
AS **BATMAN** FOR  
THE NEXT TWO  
DAYS!

ME???

THIS IS  
TOO SOON!  
I HADN'T  
FIGURED ON IT!



YOU'LL ANSWER THE **BAT-SIGNAL!**  
I'LL MEET YOU EACH TIME AT  
HEADQUARTERS. AT ALL OTHER  
TIMES, KEEP YOUR BELT RADIO  
HANDY! IN THAT WAY, I CAN  
ALWAYS KEEP IN TOUCH WITH  
YOU! COME ALONG NOW AND  
PICK UP YOUR UNIFORM...

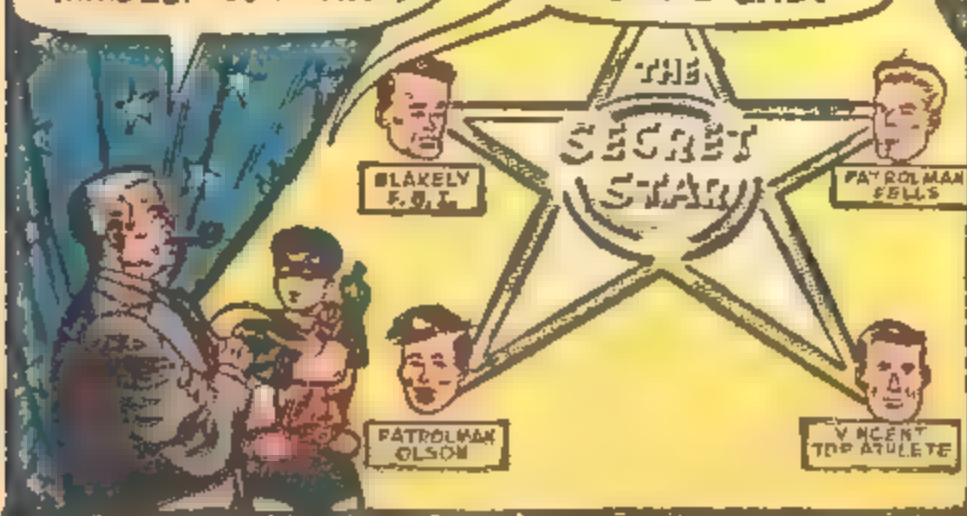


THEN, LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

SO **BATMAN**  
RECOMMENDED BLAKELY  
TO TAKE HIS PLACE  
BECAUSE HE'S  
**SUSPICIOUS** OF  
HIM?? AND WANTS  
TO GIVE H M A CHANCE  
TO EITHER PROVE  
HIMSELF...OR PROVE  
HIMSELF A FRAUD?

YES, YOU SEE, TONIGHT  
**BATMAN** FINALLY  
PLACED A SOUND WE  
HEARD IN THE **BATCAVE**.  
A "CLICK"! IT WAS THE  
CLICK OF A CAMERA  
SHUTTER! AGAINST ORDERS,  
BLAKELY WAS SECRETLY  
TAKING PICTURES OF THE  
CRIME LAB!

WE HEARD THE "CLICK" ONLY BECAUSE  
BLAKELY WAS STANDING RIGHT NEXT TO  
OUR NEW AMPLIFIER! **BATMAN** FEELS  
THAT IF BLAKELY CAN VIOLATE ONE TRUST,  
HE CAN VIOLATE OTHERS! WE'LL  
SOON SEE!





AND SCARCELY AN HOUR LATER!

TWO SHORT FLASHES OF THE BAT-SIGNAL... AND THEN A LONG ONE! MY SIGNAL, ALL RIGHT! I'VE GOT TO RUSH TO HEADQUARTERS!

THERE IT IS! COMMISSIONER GORDON SAID CROOKS WERE ATTEMPTING TO STEAL INDUSTRIAL DIAMONDS FROM THE EXHIBIT!

SOON AFTER, AS THE NEW BATMAN JOINS ROBIN AND BOTH SET FORTH AGAINST CRIME!

HE SEEMS EAGER FOR THE FRAY... I WONDER WHAT HE'LL DO?

UNITED BUSINESS MACHINES EXHIBIT  
CURRENTLY SHOWING IN MAIN EXHIBIT

IN THE NEXT MINUTE...

INDUSTRIAL DIAMOND EXHIBIT

UNITED BUSINESS MACHINES

BATMAN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU'RE BLOCKING ME FROM THOSE CROOKS!

I SLIPPED! I ATTEMPTED TO LEAP AT THEM, AND MY FOOT MUST HAVE HIT SOME MACHINE OIL ON THE FLOOR!

BUT, AS ROBIN QUICKLY RECOVERS...

BLAKELY'S 'SLIP' WAS PHONY! HE WAS LETTING THE CROOKS GET AWAY! LUCKY FOR ME THEY RAN PAST THIS CASH REGISTER!

BING

NO SALE

I'M COMING, ROBIN... I'M COMING!

AND, IN THE LATE PAPERS...

TELE-NEWS  
BATMAN ACCIDENT FORCES GORDON'S HAND  
EXISTENCE OF "SECRET STAR" REVEALED  
A POOL OF FIVE SUBS BATMEN TO BE CALLED ON FOR  
GLOBE  
MINE  
APPLUSES  
BATMAN  
GOTHAM  
FIRST SUBSTANTIAL  
DISMAL SHOWING  
ROBIN SAVES DAY AT BUSINESS MACHINES  
WHEN CROOKS ELUDE HUMSY NEW BATMAN



NEXT DAY, AS THE NEW BATMAN IS AGAIN CALLED INTO ACTION...

THEY CAN'T GET AWAY... WE'RE CATCHING THEM!

THE **OVERDRIVE!** SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO IT! **ROBIN!**

AND AS THE BATMOBILE SCREECHES TO A STOP...

BLAKELY! YOU KILLED THE IGNITION! NOW WE'LL NEVER CATCH THEM!

THESE CONTROLS! THEY'RE TOO TRICKY FOR ME TO MASTER! PLEASE BE PATIENT... I NEED MORE PRACTICE!

LATER, IN YET ANOTHER TUSSE, WITH THE UNDERWORLD...

MUSIC

THERE'S ONLY ONE CHANCE!

SWIFTLY, ROBIN UNLEASHES HIS **BATARANG**.. WHICH SAILS ACROSS THE SHOWROOM TOWARD THE CONTROLS OF THE GIANT RECORD-PLAYER...

WOW! YOUR **BATARANG** STARTED THE RECORD-PLAYER AND THE CROOKS DROPPED DOWN WITH THE RECORD! THAT WAS FAST THINKING!

HE SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF IT, TOO! AND FOR ALL I KNOW, HE DID!

THERE THEY GO! WE'LL NEVER GET TO THEM BEFORE THEY REACH THAT WINDOW!

SUDDENLY, THE COMMISSIONER'S PHONE JANGLES SHRILLY! AND THEN...

LATER, AT HEADQUARTERS...

I'VE SEEN ENOUGH, COMMISSIONER! BLAKELY'S UP TO NO GOOD!

HMM! THE PAPERS ARE RAISING QUITE A FUSS! WELL, I'VE GOT TWO OF MY BEST MEN TAILING MR. BLAKELY... PERHAPS WE'LL LEARN SOMETHING INTERESTING!

THAT WAS DONOVAN... ONE OF THE MEN FOLLOWING BLAKELY! BLAKELY WAS SPOTTED ENTERING AN ABANDONED GARAGE! AND TWO MINUTES LATER, "**SUGAR**" KROLER JOINED HIM!

**BATMAN, PLEASE COME BACK**  
POLICE COMMISSIONER'S SECRET STAR  
OUT FAST  
SUBSTITUTE  
MAN NO MATCH FOR UNDERWORLD

KROLER! SO HE'S BLAKELY'S LINK TO THE UNDERWORLD! LET'S GET TO THAT GARAGE!





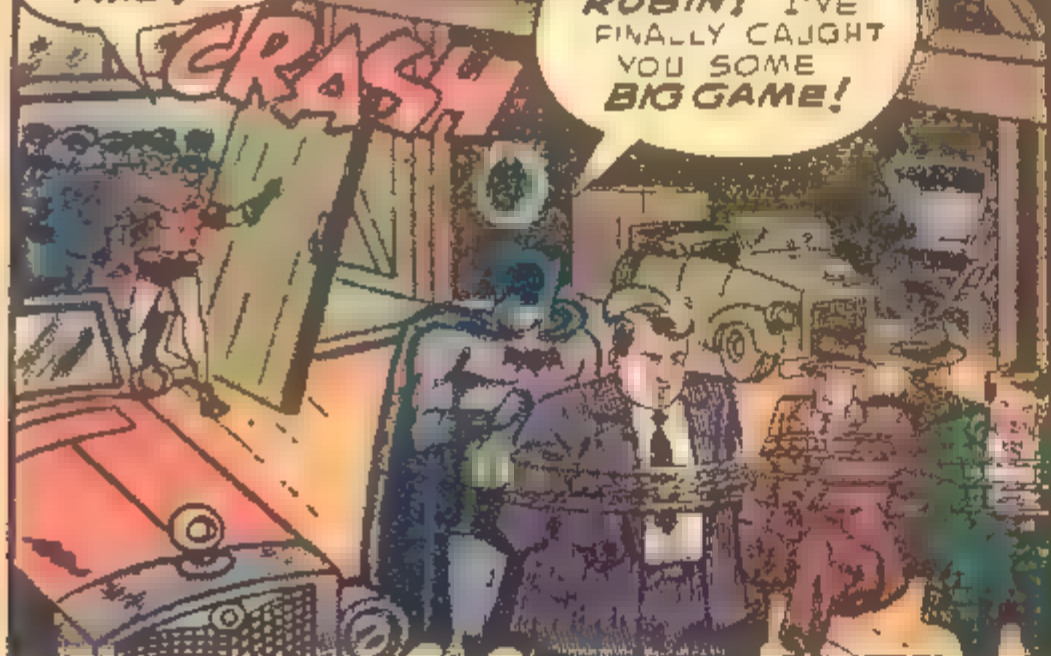
# BATMAN



MINUTES LATER, AS ROBIN AND POLICE CRASH INTO A JUNK-FILLED GARAGE...

WHY... WHAT IS THIS?

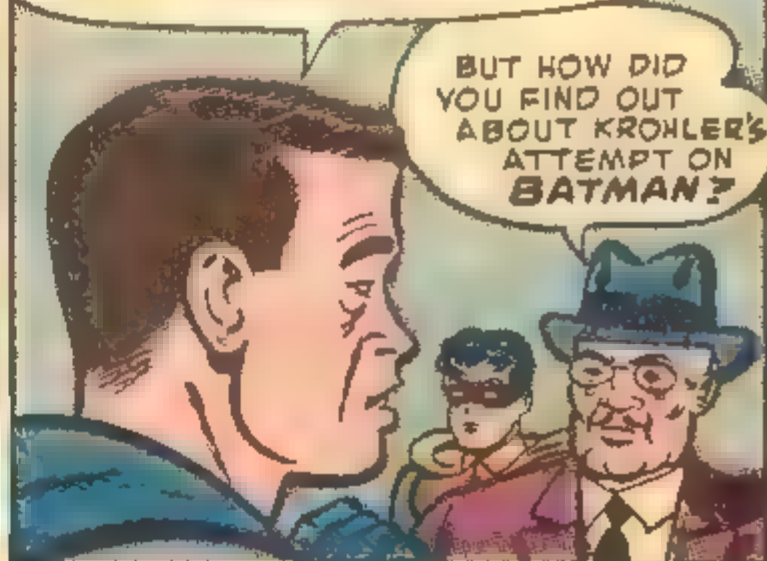
COME ON IN, ROBIN; I'VE FINALLY CAUGHT YOU SOME BIG GAME!



THEN, AS BLAKELY'S FANTASTIC LIFE-STORY IS REVEALED...

BUT I ALWAYS BALKED AT MURDER! WHEN KROLER DOUBLED-CROSSED ME AND ATTEMPTED TO KILL BATMAN, I MADE UP MY MIND TO BRING HIM IN AND END ALL THIS!

BUT HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT KROLER'S ATTEMPT ON BATMAN?



THE ODOR OF CARAMEL AT THE MINE! BURNED SUGAR HAS THAT SMELL... WHEN I THOUGHT OF SUGAR, I THOUGHT OF KROLER! IN HIS APARTMENT I FOUND CONFIRMATION... COAL DUST AND EXPLOSIVES! I ALSO LEARNED HE'D GONE TO PHILLY TO ROUND UP A GANG!

AND SO, AS BATMAN, YOU PLAYED POSSUM... PURPOSELY BLUNDERING TO MAKE KROLER THINK YOU WERE STILL CROOKED, UNTIL HE RETURNED AND YOU COULD GRAB HIM!



AND NEXT DAY, FURTHER REJOICING... AS THE ONE AND ONLY BATMAN IS FINALLY RESCUED FROM THE CAVE-IN...

QUITE AN ADVENTURE, ROBIN! BLAKELY WILL HAVE TO STAND TRIAL, OF COURSE, BUT I HAVE A FEELING THE COURTS WILL BE LENIENT!

AND MY SECRET STAR IS STILL A GOOD IDEA... WITH ANOTHER MAN TO REPLACE BLAKELY! BUT TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH... I HOPE I NEVER HAVE TO USE IT!



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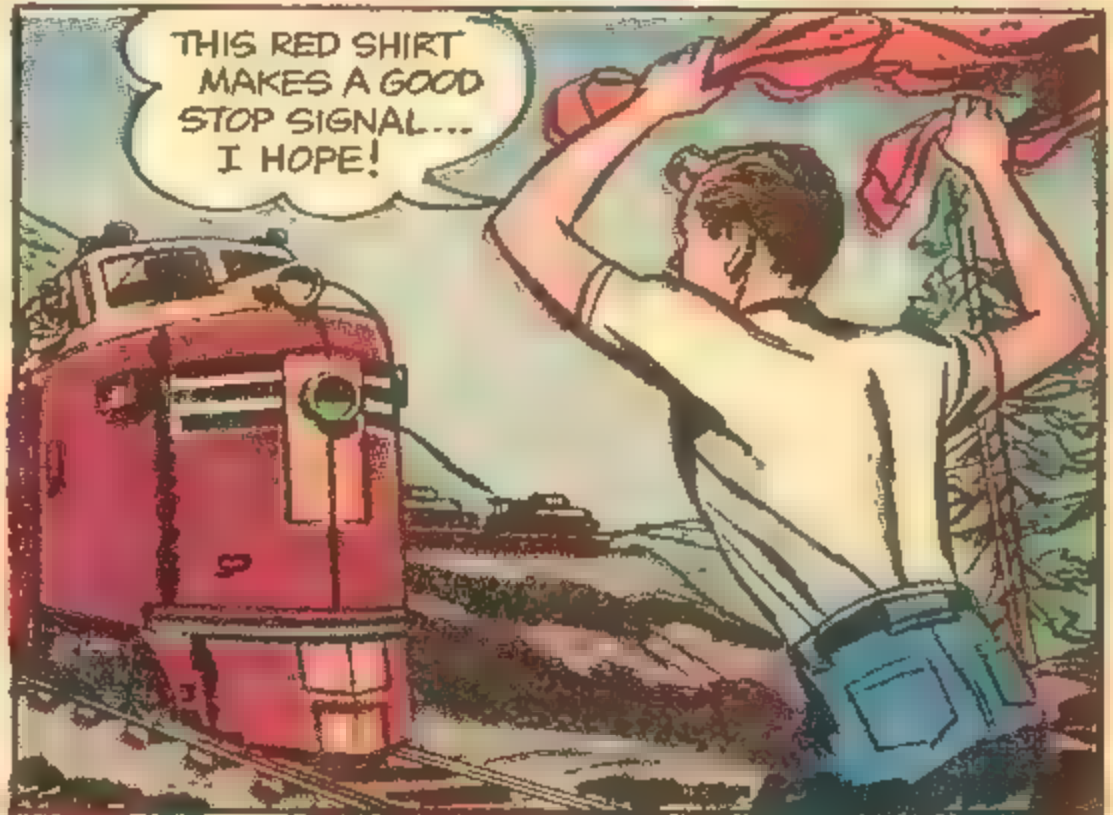
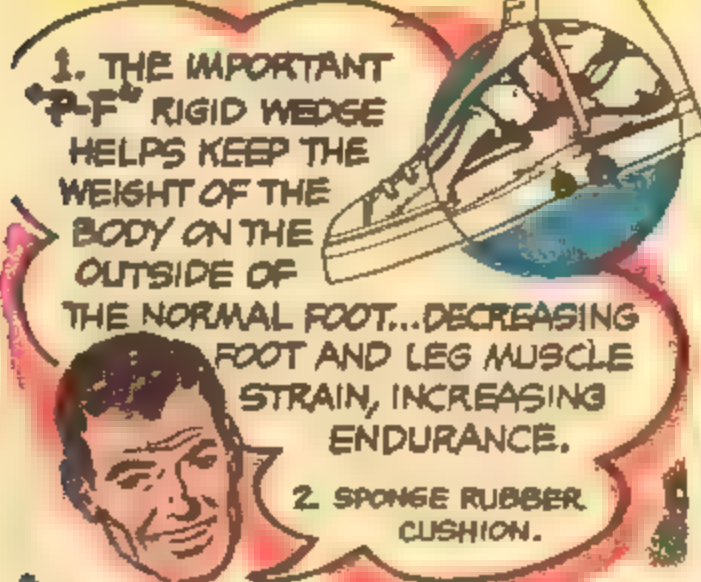


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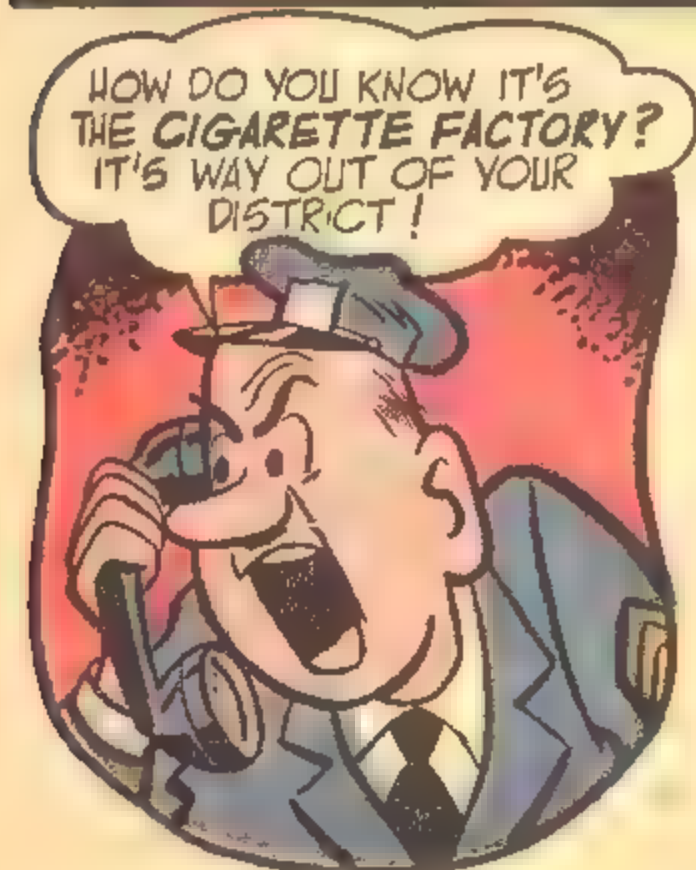
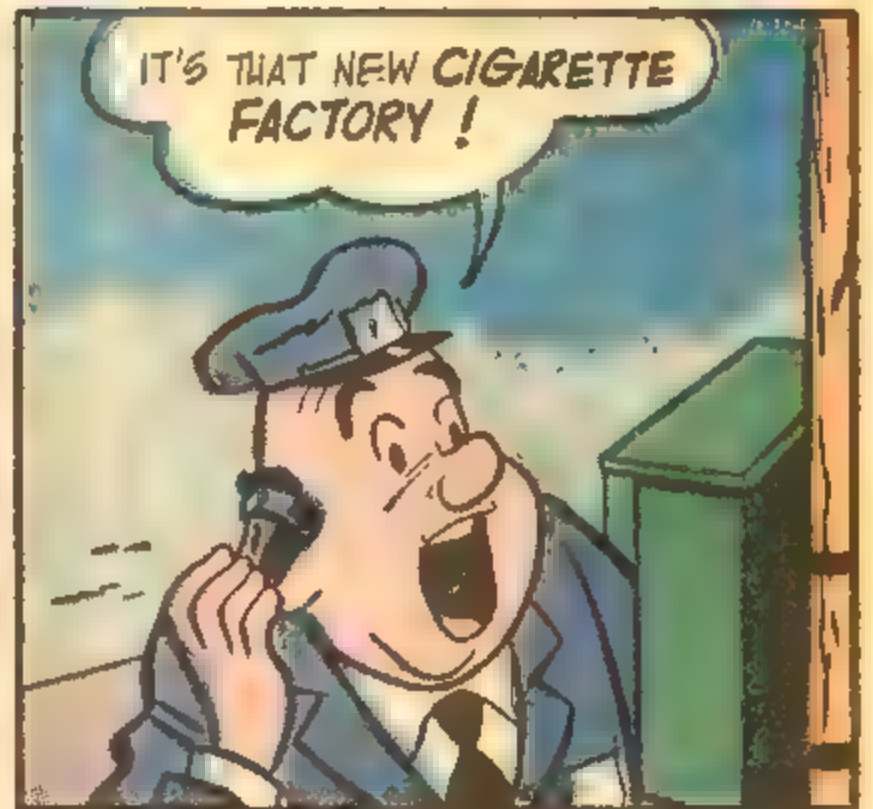
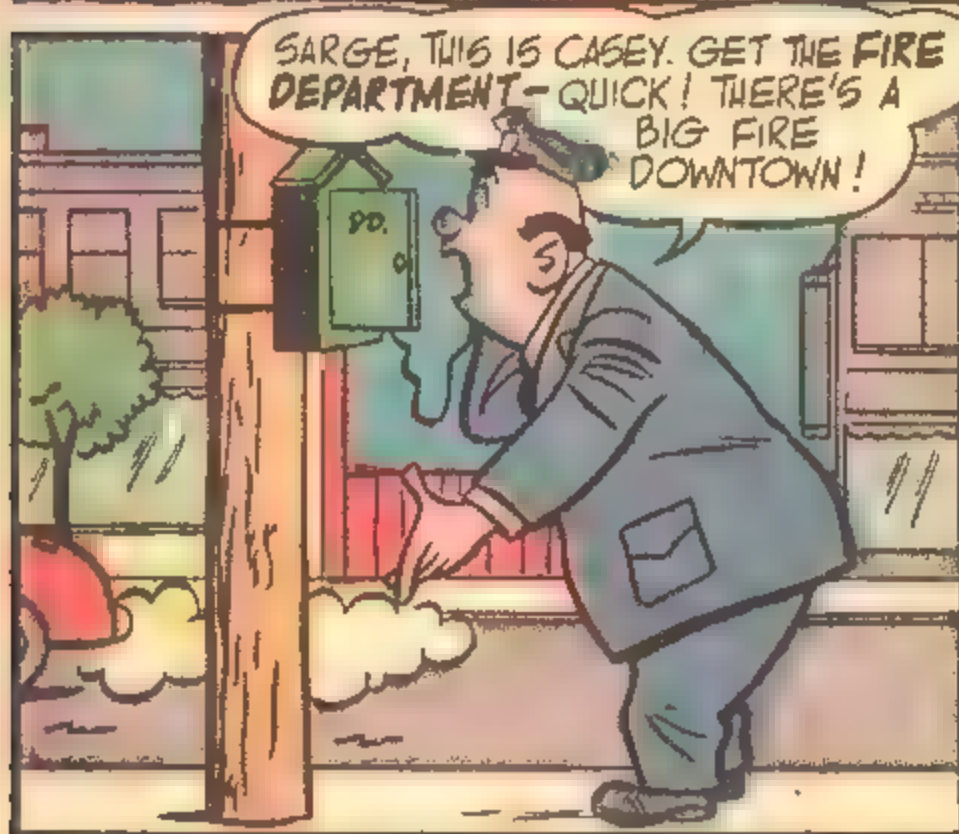
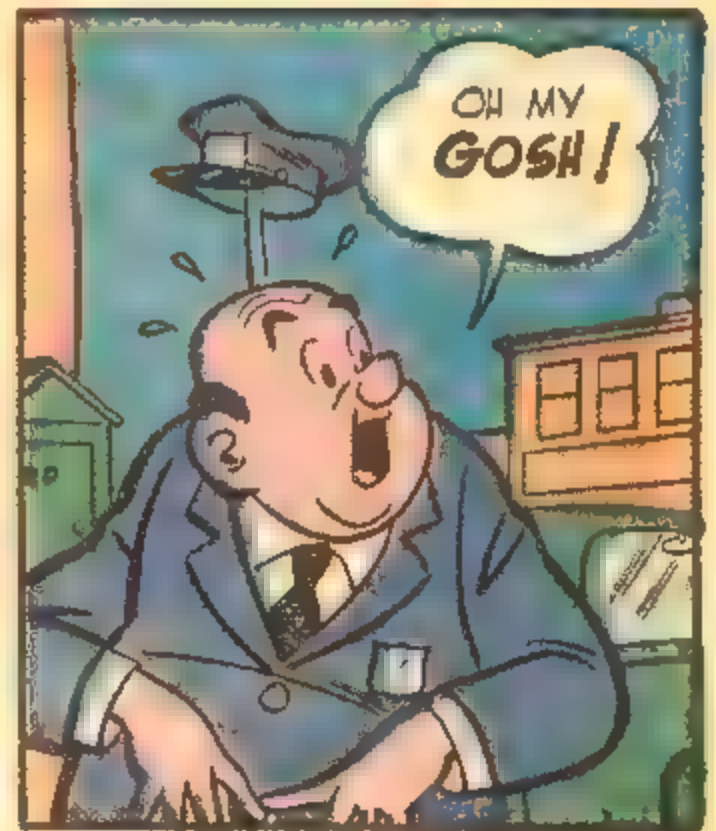
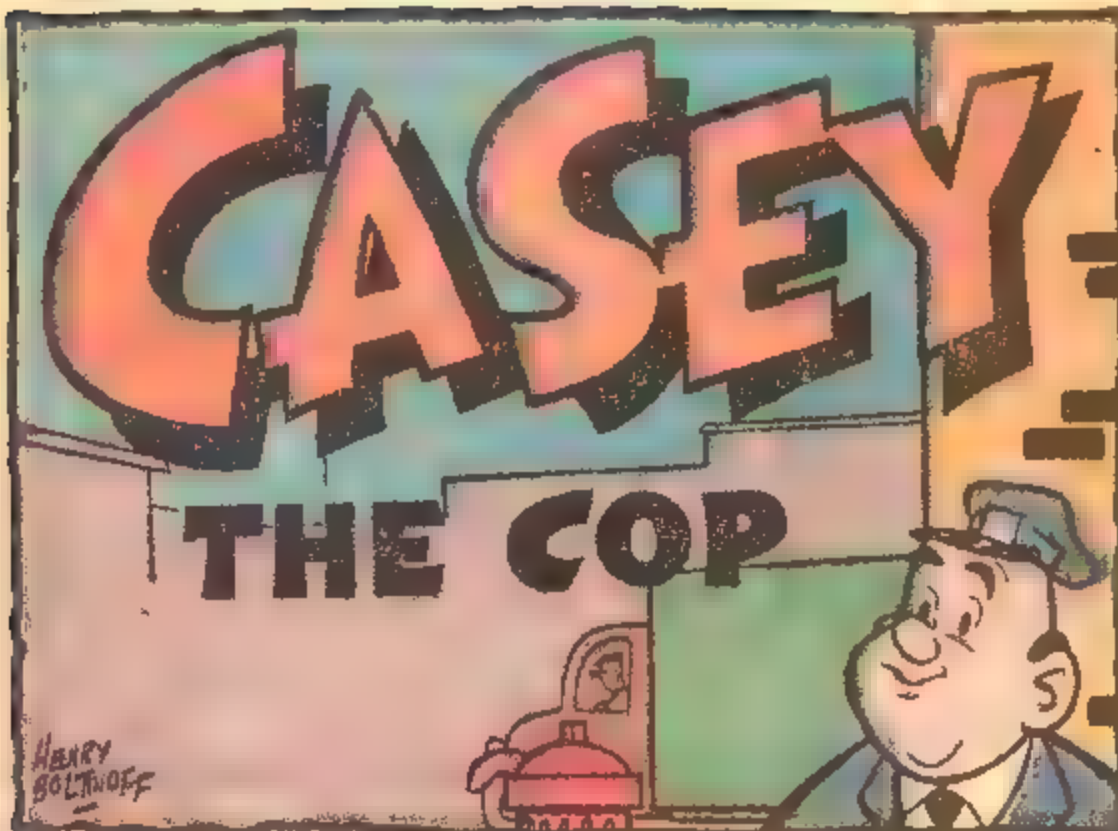
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# Shortchanging Swindlers



**Police Are Cracking Down on These Hoodlums,  
Whose Annual Yield is \$100,000,000**

**G**O through any police blotter in any city you select, and you'll soon discover that the number of convictions never lags very far behind the number of actual crimes committed. Today, law enforcement agencies are ridding the country of most of its big-time hoodlums and racketeers.

But there is one type of criminal against whom the wheels of justice grind a great deal more slowly—the shortchange hoodlum. For one thing, the shortchange crook operates on such a small scale that even when he is caught, an honest but foolish employer or store owner rarely bothers to make a complaint.

Did we say he operates on a small scale? Perhaps, individually. But the national take by shortchange artists exceeds \$100,000,000!

But before we get too deeply into this examination, let us first remind you that the average, typical employee is honest. Otherwise, this country would have been owned outright by the petty thieves long ago!

The most common form of short-changing, of course, occurs in a store or theatre. Different techniques are used in both cases, but the psychology

underlying both is the same. Both trade heavily on the average person's weaknesses and common decency.

Imagine yourself at the head of a line of customers at the cashier's cage. You know there are people behind you who are anxious to get their parcels checked and paid for, and get home. This tension builds up within you, and makes you a perfect set-up for a fast-talking cashier who keeps up his incessant chatter while giving you a fast count.

The cashier knows that, nine times out of ten, you won't hold up the line to count your change. That was one of the reasons why he gave you your change in small bills and coins. If you're like the majority of people, you'll simply pocket the money, and rush off.

Meanwhile, the dishonest cashier has mulcted you out of a dollar or a few cents. Small stuff? Maybe, but he's done the same thing to the man behind you, and the customer behind him. It adds up.

Shrewd operators never pocket the money thus stolen—not at once. After all, you might be a private detective, and the bill you handed him might be



marked. Therefore, he waits until his lunch hour, or to the end of the day's business before collecting his take.

Crooked cashiers in movie houses use a variation of this. They take advantage of the fact that it is impossible to build a cashier's booth without small areas which the individual customer can't see. These are known in the trade as "blind spots."

The cashier counts out your correct change, but leaves one coin, usually a quarter or half a dollar, on the blind spot. You scoop up your change, leaving the blind-spotted coin where it is.

The cashier doesn't pocket this right away. He takes no chances. After all, you might count your change in the lobby and come tearing back to demand the missing coin. In that case, he gives you a look of utmost disdain and points scornfully to the coin.

You spot the missing piece of silver, pocket it, and, feeling foolish, slink away. But most people, according to the police, don't count their change. They simply pocket what they see and walk right in. The cashier waits until he's fairly certain you're already seated and immersed in the movie before he claims the coin.

As we pointed out before, not all cashiers are crooked, and in a recent case, it was a theatre cashier's honesty which brought her immediate employer, the theatre manager, to the attention of the police.

In this case, the manager was robbing the theatre owners, not the customers. Theatres, as you know, rarely refuse to refund the purchase price of an admission ticket. What this theatre manager did was to relieve the ticket taker at least twice a day, and later present two or three tickets to the cashier

for refunds. Of course, he pocketed the money while the original holders of the tickets were enjoying the movie inside.

The cashier became suspicious when the greedy manager upped his refund requests to about seven or eight on the first evening of a new film for which long lines had formed to get in. She figured, correctly, that people who wait in line to get into a movie aren't that anxious to get out—at least, not seven or eight at a time!

Shortchange crooks work the other side of the counter, too. The neatest trick in this category requires two hoods working together. Here is how this one works.

Crook No. 1 enters a drug store, purchases a bottle of aspirin, and hands the clerk a \$20 bill. Later, his collaborator enters and he, too, make a small purchase, paying for it with a \$1 bill.

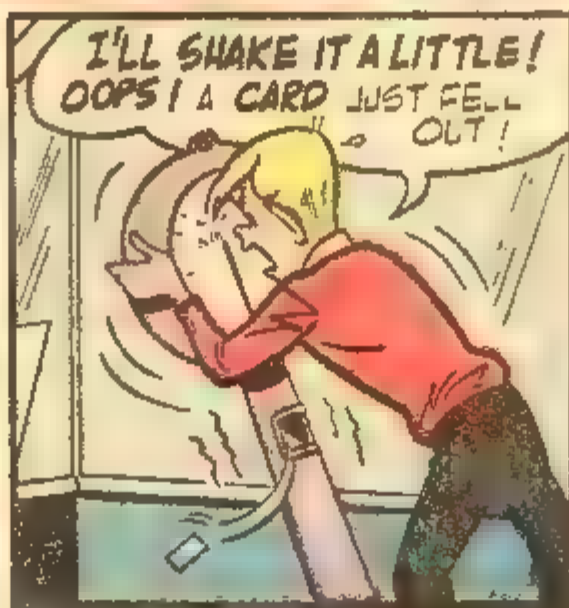
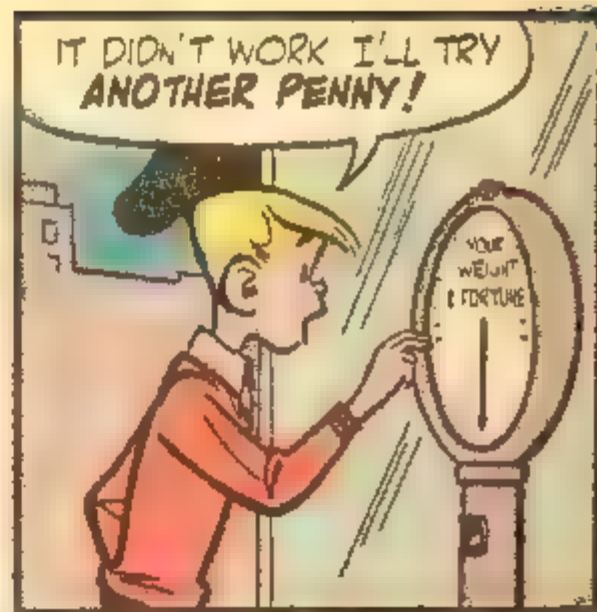
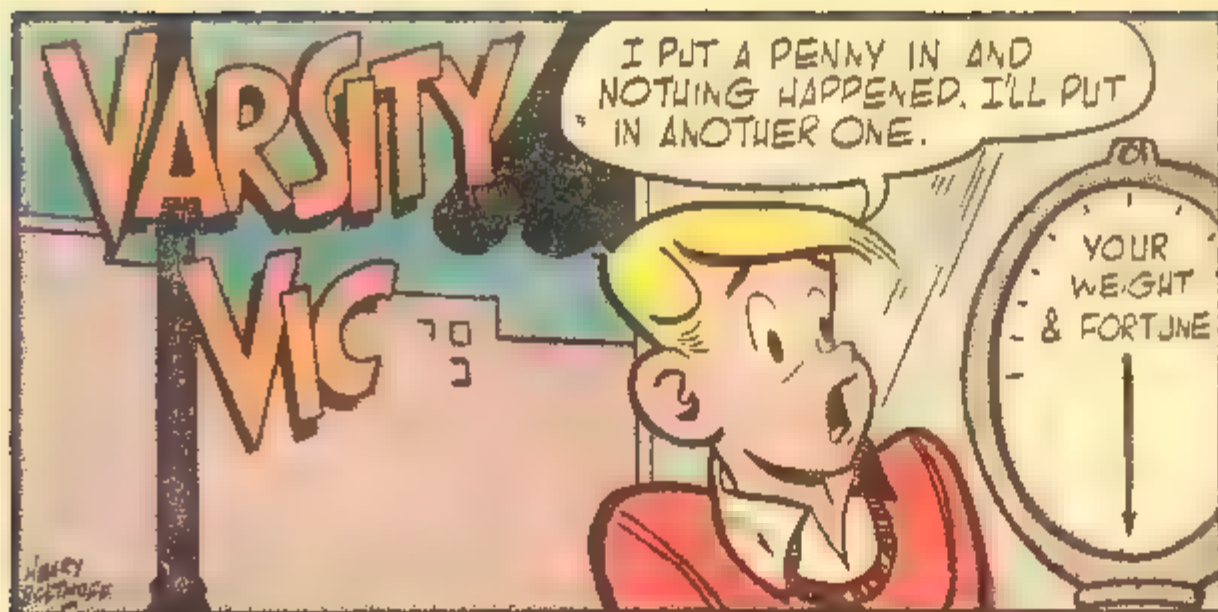
Half an hour later, the second customer-crook rushes back into the store and hysterically claims that the clerk did not give him the correct change for the \$20 bill he had handed him. What's more, the customer can prove what he's saying, because he had written a phone number on the \$20 he had given him.

The clerk opens the register, and sure enough, there it is—the correct phone number boldly written on one face of the large bill. The clerk, you can be sure, is happy to make restitution, thereby losing over \$19.

What can you do about these short-change sharpies? Police say they can be stopped cold if you:

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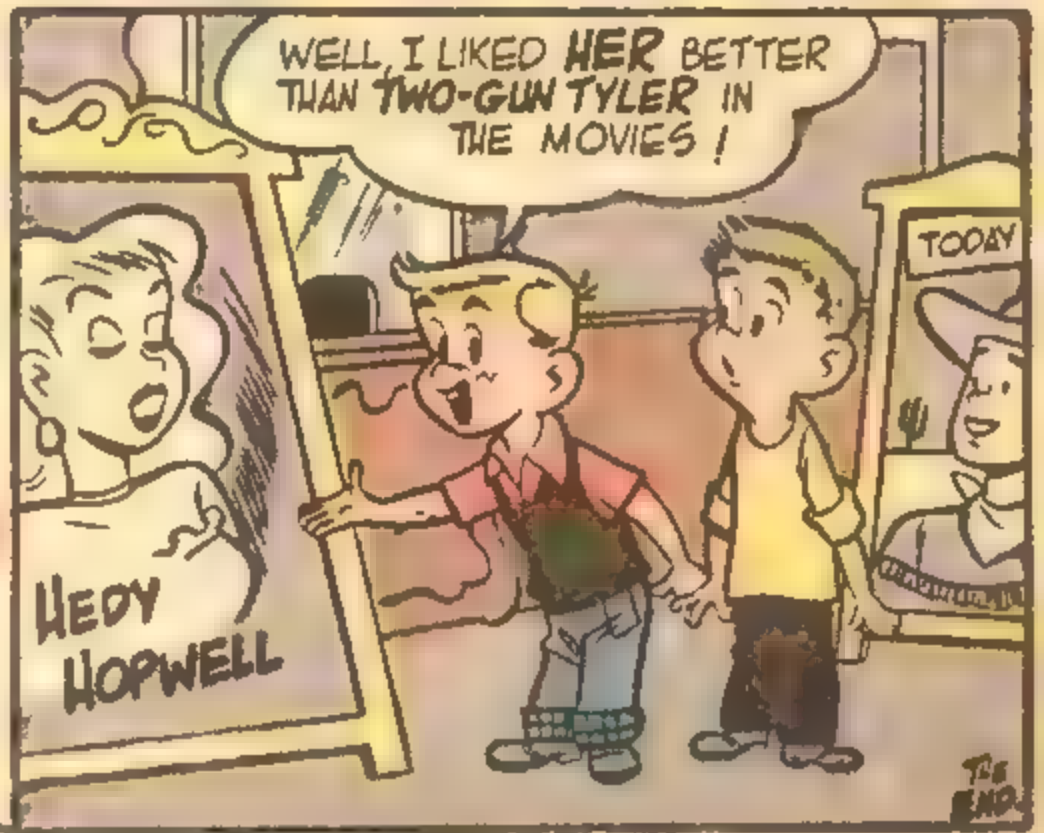
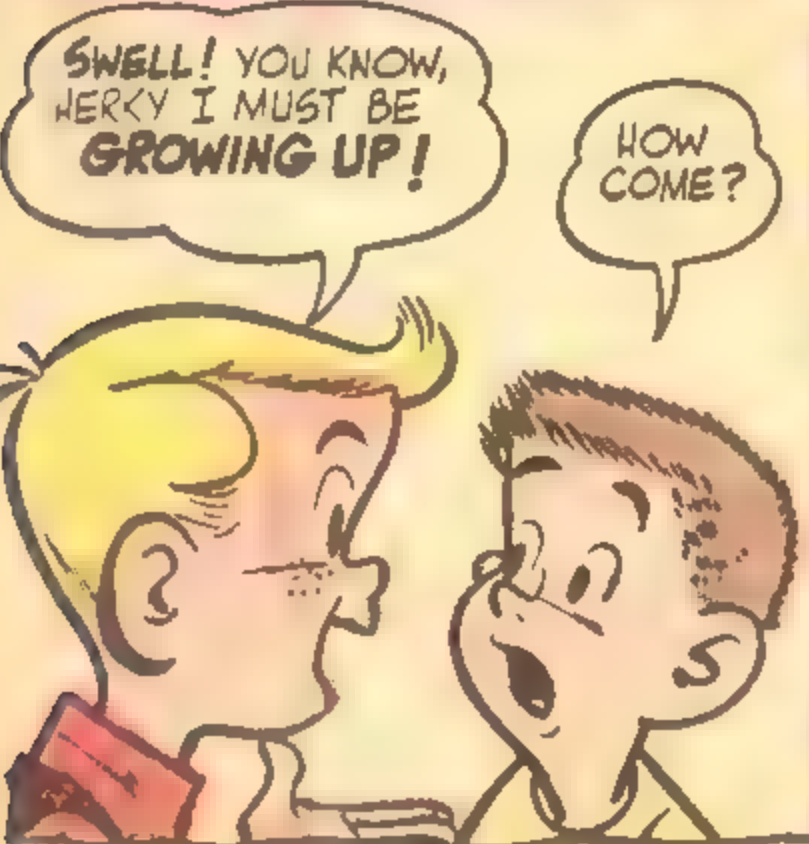
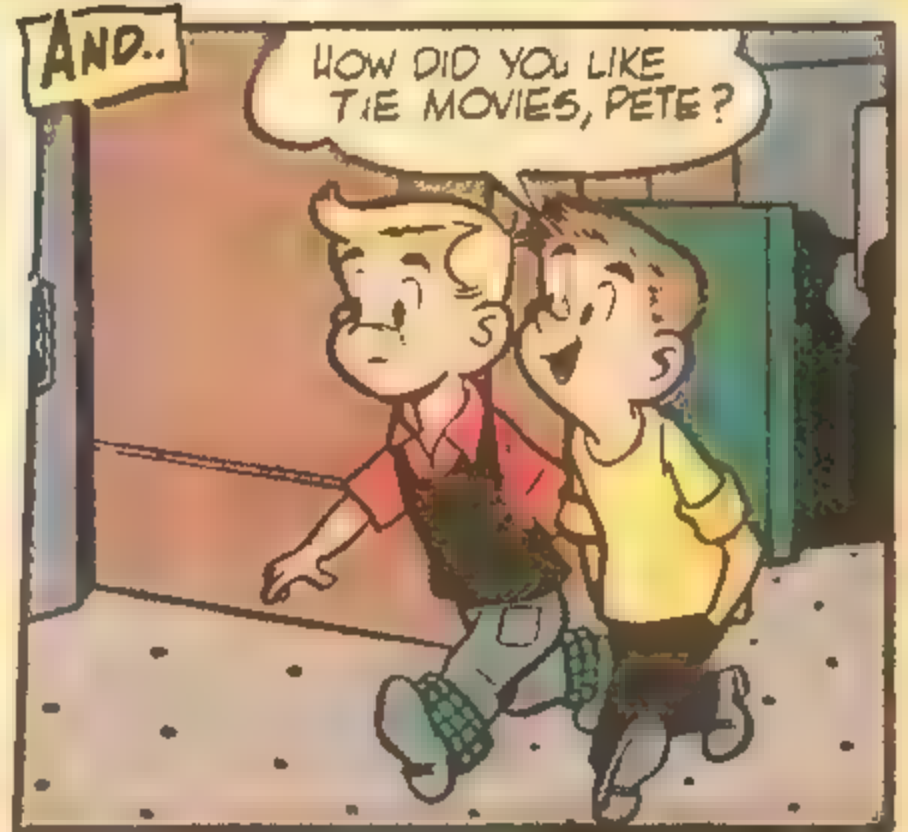
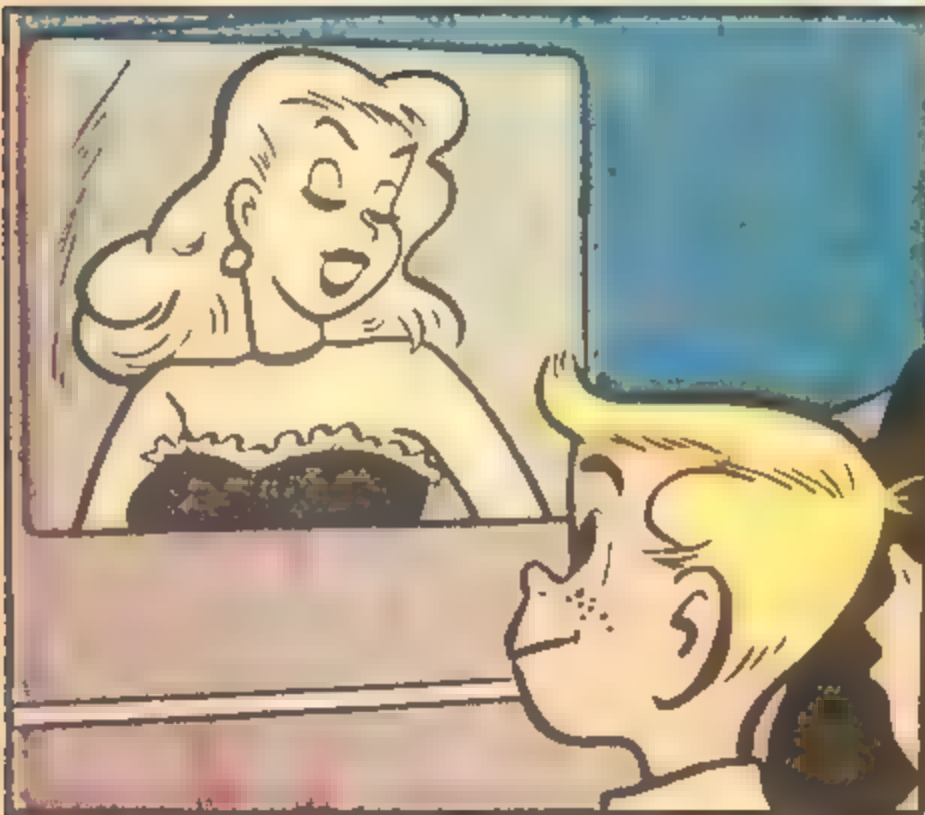
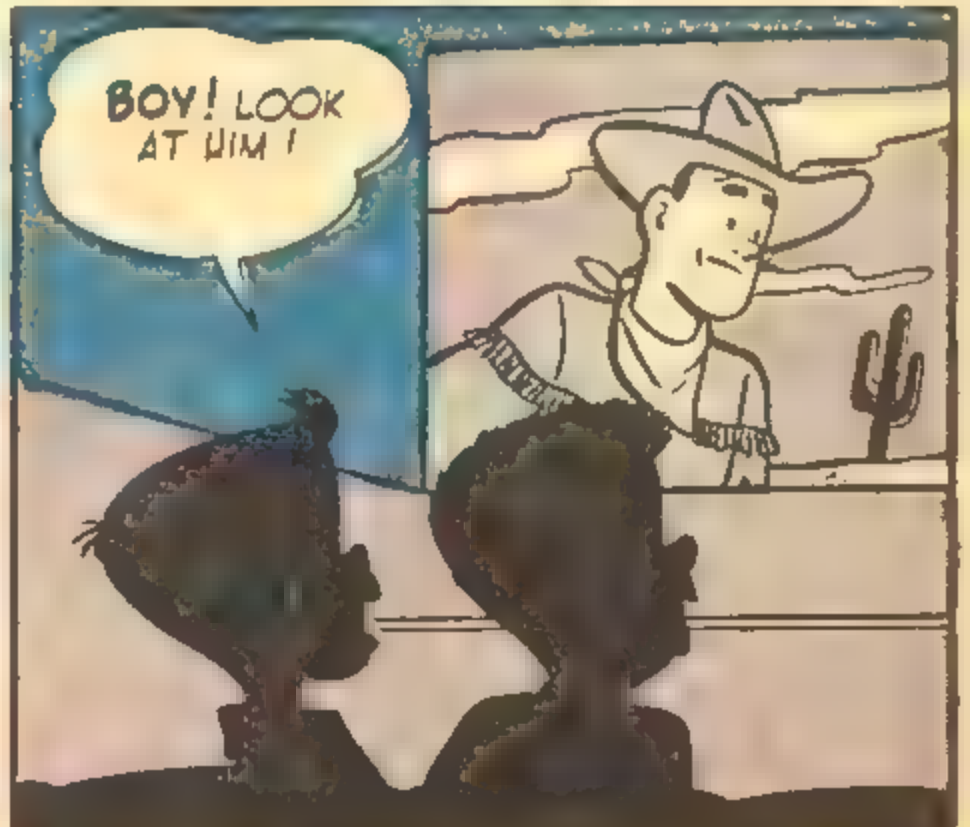
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\*void where restricted. Hurry. Supply offer limited to greatest supply.





# BATMAN







BATMAN



# BATMAN

## ROBIN

-THE BOY WONDER-

NO CASE HAS EVER BEEN TOO BIG FOR **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**. THEY HAVE SAFEGUARDED THE GOLD AT FORT KNOX... PROTECTED THE LIVES OF KINGS AND PRESIDENTS... PUT NOTORIOUS PUBLIC ENEMIES BEHIND PRISON BARS. BUT NOW THEY ARE DEMOTED TO SOME OF THE MOST UNIMPORTANT CASES OF THEIR CAREERS. IT HAPPENS WHEN...

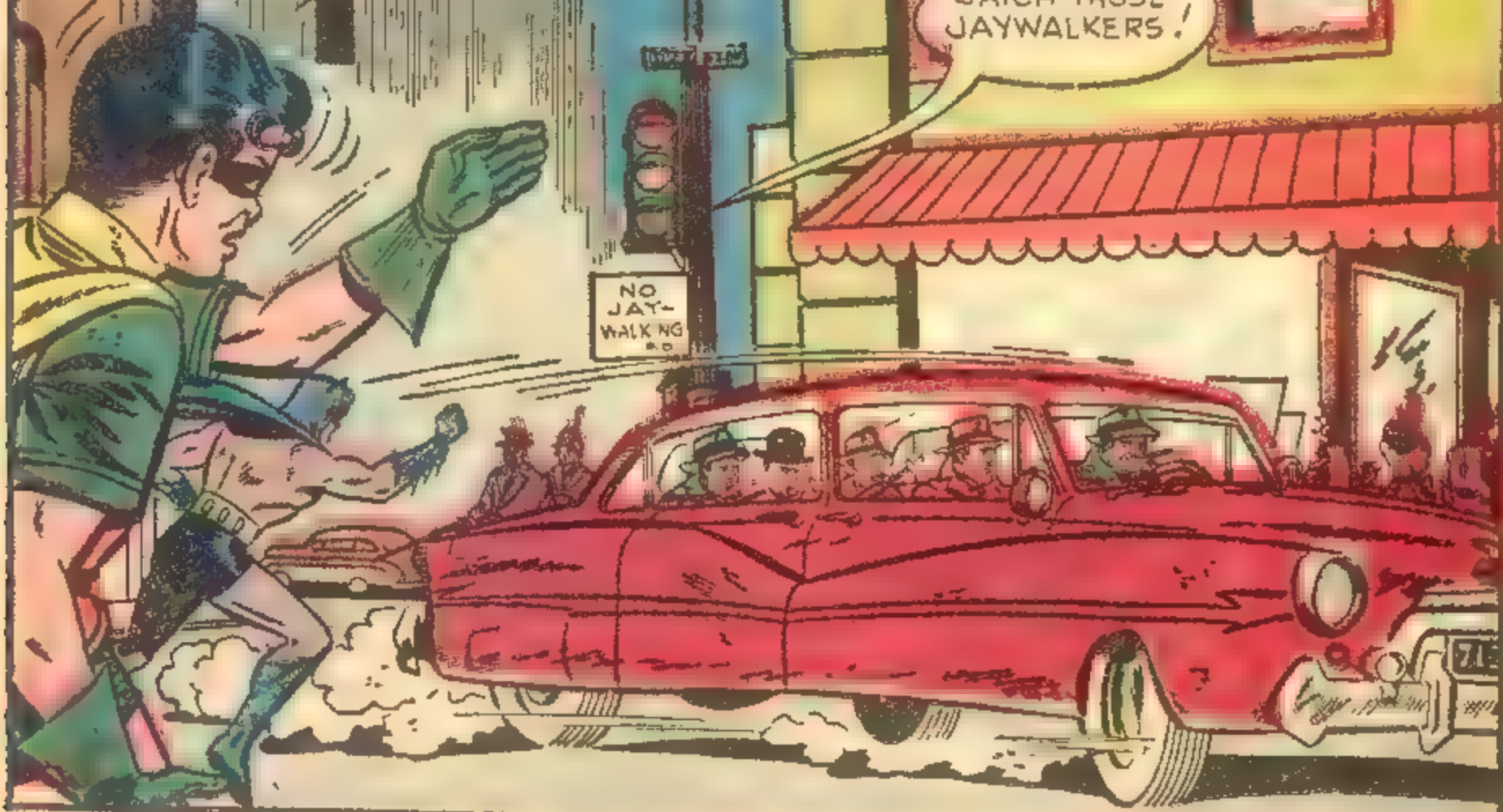
# "BATMAN POUNDS A BEAT!"

THERE GO THE  
MYSTERY  
MOBSTERS,  
**BATMAN!**

WE CAN'T  
FOLLOW THEM--  
OUR JOB IS TO  
CATCH THOSE  
JAYWALKERS!

NO  
JAY-  
WALKING  
AND

BOB  
KANE





NIGHT IN GOTHAM CITY, AND AS TWO EERIE FIGURES PATROL THE BUSINESS DISTRICT, OMINOUS SOUNDS STIR THEM INTO ACTION.

THAT EXPLOSION AND THE ALARM-BELL--SOMEONE'S BLASTED A SAFE!

IT CAME FROM THE GOSS BUILDING, BATMAN!

LIKE HUMAN PENDULUMS, THE TWO SHADOWY SHAPES THAT ARE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** SWOOP DOWN ON THEIR SILKEN CORDS...

SO, IT'S "DANCER" KERN AND HIS EX-CON PALS! YOU'LL BE GOING RIGHT BACK TO THE PEN FOR THIS SAFE-CRACKING JOB!

WE'VE DONE NOTHING! YOU CAN FRISK US!

THAT SEARCH REVEALS NOTHING! AND SOON, IN THE LOOTED OFFICE OF THE GOTHAM DENTAL SUPPLY CO. ...

THE COMPANY'S ENTIRE SUPPLY OF RAW GOLD, USED IN DENTAL WORK, WAS TAKEN! IT'S NOT IN THE BUILDING, FOR WE'VE SEARCHED EVERY INCH OF IT! SO WE'LL HAVE TO LET THESE MEN GO!

THANKS, COMMISSIONER GORDON! WE'LL BE LEAVING YOU NOW!

HMM... WE *KNOW* THEY PULLED THIS JOB! IF WE COULD ONLY FIGURE OUT HOW THEY DISPOSED OF THE LOOT!

YES, **BATMAN**. BUT WITHOUT EVIDENCE, WE CAN'T ARREST THEM! THAT'S YOUR JOB! I CAN'T HELP BECAUSE I HAVE TO GO TO THE BIG POLICE CONVENTION ON THE COAST!

CAPTAIN HARBY WILL BE ACTING COMMISSIONER WHILE I'M GONE, **BATMAN**!

GLAD TO MEET YOU, CAPTAIN HARBY! **ROBIN** AND I WILL SEARCH THE BUILDING AGAIN--THAT GOLD WAS TOO HEAVY TO HAVE BEEN RID OF EASILY. IT MUST BE HIDDEN HERE SOMEWHERE!

BUT ANOTHER SEARCH ONLY DEEPENS THE MYSTERY!

IT JUST ISN'T THERE, SO IT WAS SMUGGLED OUT SOME WAY--BUT HOW? WE'LL KEEP ON IT, CAPTAIN HARBY--AND I HOPE YOU'LL CALL US IF ANYTHING BREAKS!

YES, I'LL CALL YOU, **BATMAN**! I'LL CALL YOU AND **ROBIN** FOR JOBS YOU NEVER DREAMED OF!

WHAT UNHEARD-OF MISSIONS HAS CAPTAIN HARBY PLANNED FOR THE D.J.O., AND WHY? FOR THE ANSWER TO THAT, LET US STUDY HARBY'S BACKGROUND!





# BATMAN



YEARS BEFORE **BATMAN** APPEARED IN GOTHAM CITY, TOM HARBY WON A PLACE ON THE POLICE FORCE AS A YOUNG ROOKIE OFFICER...

THAT'S THE ONE WHO BROKE MY WINDOW, OFFICER HARBY!

HE'LL BE MADE TO PAY FOR IT!

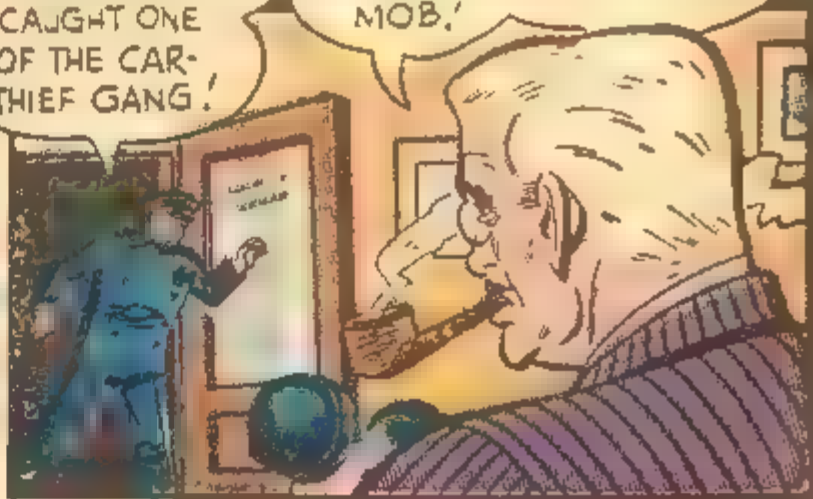
THESE PETTY, EVERYDAY JOBS ARE PRETTY DULL--BUT SOME-DAY I'LL BE A FAMOUS MAN ON THE FORCE!



BUT THE YEARS SPED BY, AND OFFICER HARBY'S DREAM OF FAME WAS NOT TO BE REALIZED! FOR, WHENEVER HE HAD A CHANCE TO WIN GLORY...

COMMISSIONER, I'VE FINALLY CAUGHT ONE OF THE CAR-THIEF GANG!

TELL ME LATER, HARBY--**BATMAN** HAS JUST ROUNDED UP THE **WHOLE** HOT-CAR MOB!



AND AGAIN, BY AN UNHAPPY COINCIDENCE...

THIS ENDS YOUR BURGLARIES--AND I'LL GET PLENTY OF HEADLINES FOR SOLVING THIS CASE!

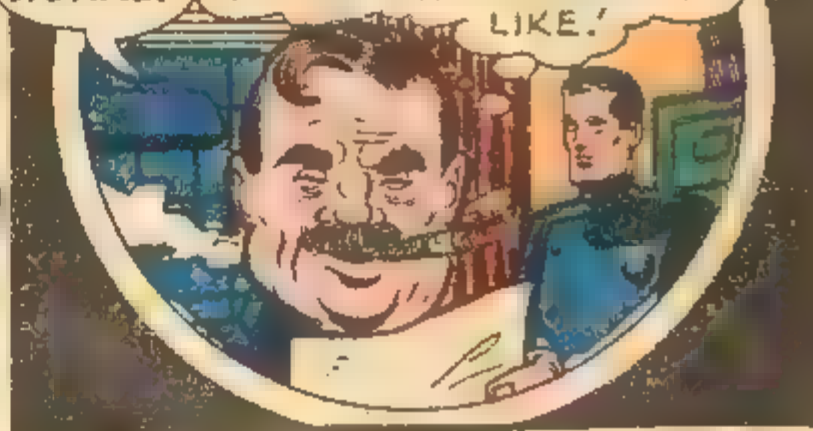
YOU THINK SO? LOOK WHAT **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** HAVE DONE! THEY'VE SHOVED YOU OFF THE FRONT PAGE!



ALWAYS, THROUGH THE YEARS, IRONIC FATE HAS CAUSED THE BEST EFFORTS OF OFFICER HARBY TO BE OVERSHADOWED BY THE FEATS OF THE DYNAMIC DUO! AND NOW THAT HE HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF CAPTAIN...

FLASH THE **BAT-SIGNAL**!

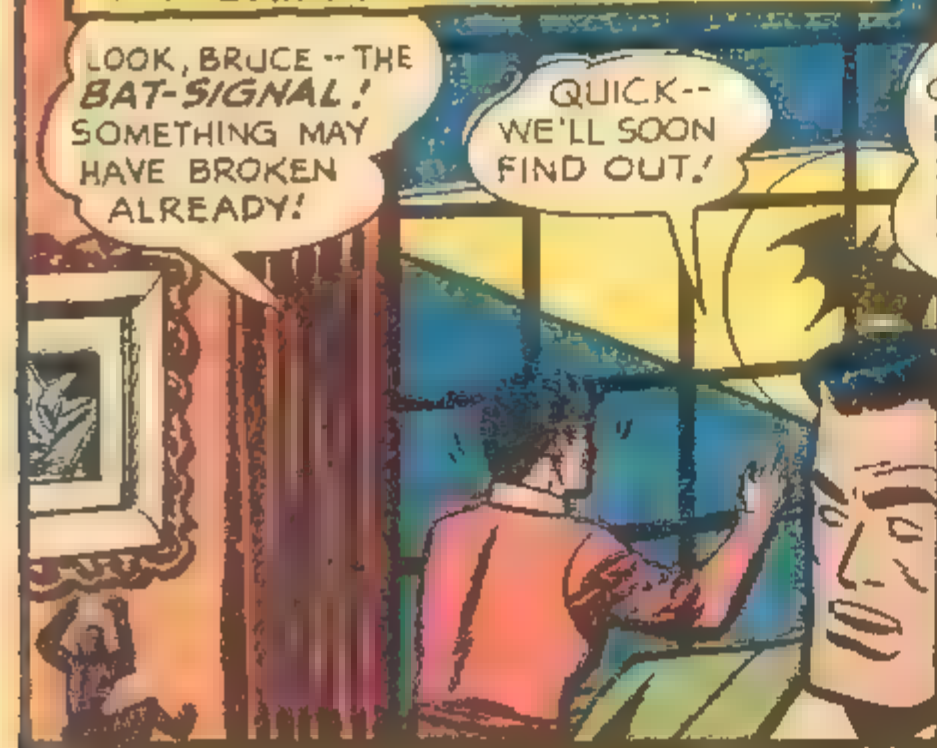
NOW THAT I'M ACTING COMMISSIONER, I'LL GIVE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** A LESSON IN WHAT POLICE WORK IS **REALLY** LIKE!



THE EERIE SIGNAL FLASHES IN THE SKY--AND WEALTHY PLAYBOY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON, PREPARE TO ANSWER IT AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**!

LOOK, BRUCE--THE **BAT-SIGNAL**! SOMETHING MAY HAVE BROKEN ALREADY!

QUICK--WE'LL SOON FIND OUT!

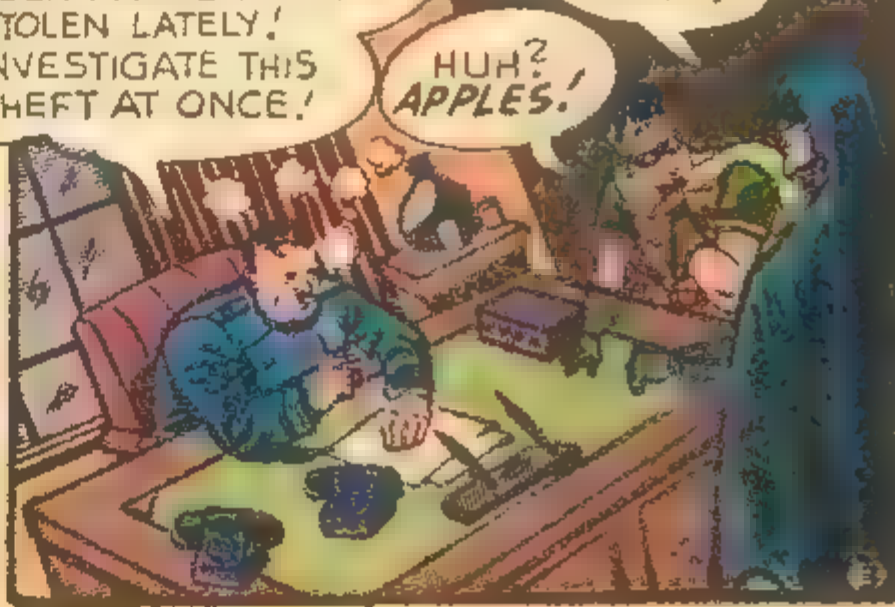


MINUTES LATER, IN HARBY'S OFFICE, THE TWO CRIME-CRUSHERS RECEIVE THE STRANGEST ORDER OF THEIR CAREER...

YES, I HAVE A JOB FOR YOU! MORRIS' FRUIT STAND ON EIGHTH AVENUE HAS BEEN HAVING APPLES STOLEN LATELY! INVESTIGATE THIS THEFT AT ONCE!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND, CAPTAIN HARBY! IS THIS A JOKE?

HUH? **APPLES!**





OF COURSE NOT! EVERY COP HAS JOBS LIKE THAT ON HIS BEAT EVERY DAY! IF YOU TWO WON'T DO REGULAR POLICE WORK, I'LL KNOW YOU'RE ONLY GLORY-SEEKERS--AND YOUR STATUS WITH THIS DEPARTMENT IS OVER!

HOLD IT, **ROBIN!** THERE'S SOME JUSTICE IN WHAT HE SAYS! ALL RIGHT, CAPTAIN, WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO SOLVE THIS--ER--CRIME!

WHY--

PRESENTLY, THE FAMED MANHUNTERS GO ABOUT SOLVING THE SMALL CRIME WITH THE SAME NGENUITY THEY APPLY TO A GREAT ONE.

SOME KID HAS BEEN STEALING MY APPLES. I DON'T WANT HIM ARRESTED, JUST WARNED, SO HE'LL STOP BEFORE HE GETS INTO REAL TROUBLE!

THIS CONCEALED ELECTRONIC-EYE CAMERA WILL TAKE HIS PICTURE NEXT TIME HE DOES IT. IF WE SHOW IT TO HIS PARENTS, I'M SURE THEY'LL PUNISH HIM!



THE NEXT "MISSION" ASSIGNED TO **BATMAN AND ROBIN** BY HARBY IS AT LEAST A LOFTIER ONE!

TO THINK HE'D SEND US TO RESCUE A SCARED CAT PERCHED ATOP A FLAGPOLE!

BUT THE TRIVIAL JOBS KEEP COMING THEIR WAY! THE NEXT DAY...

I'VE HAD TO TAKE MEN OFF THE TRAFFIC DETAIL TO HELP SOLVE THAT RECENT GOLD ROBBERY, AND NOW WE'RE GETTING TOO MUCH ILLEGAL PARKING! SO YOU TWO TAKE CARE OF IT!

YES, SIR! COME ON, **ROBIN!**

BUT WE SHOULD BE WORKING ON THAT ROBBERY, INSTEAD OF HANDING OUT TICKETS FOR ILLEGAL PARKING! HARBY'S JUST GOT IT IN FOR US!

IT'S OUR ASSIGNMENT, **ROBIN**--AND MAYBE WE CAN DO BOTH JOBS WITHOUT DISOBEYING ORDERS! I GOT "DANCER" KERN'S AUTO LICENSE NUMBER AND WE'LL KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR *HIS* CAR!

WELL, EVERY POLICEMAN WHO POUNDS A BEAT DOES HAVE JOBS LIKE THIS EVERY DAY! LET'S BE GOOD SPORTS ABOUT TAKING THESE DUTIES IN OUR STRIDE! HE'S BOUND TO GIVE US A BIG JOB SOON!

AND SOON, IN AN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT...

IT'S "DANCER'S" CAR AND IT'S PARKED MORE THAN 12 INCHES OUT FROM THE CURB, WHICH IS ILLEGAL! SO WE'LL BE PERFORMING OUR ASSIGNED DUTY BY FINDING HIM TO GIVE A TICKET TO HIM!

BUT WHAT WOULD "DANCER'S" CAR BE DOING IN THIS FACTORY DISTRICT?







# BATMAN



**BONG BONG**

THAT'S A BURGLAR-ALARM-- AND IT'S FROM THE NEW AIR-CRAFT RESEARCH CENTER.

AND THAT PLACE HAS VALUABLE PLANS AND MODELS IN IT! COME ON--IF WE CATCH "DANCER" IN THERE, WE'LL GIVE HIM MORE THAN A PARKING TICKET!



IN THE GREAT NEW CENTER OF AIRCRAFT RESEARCH ..

BUT THEY'RE NOT HERE NOW, UNLESS THEY'RE HIDING!

THE EVES HAVE BEEN HERE AND HAVE GRABBED THE BIG MODEL OF THAT VALUABLE BIG PLANE!

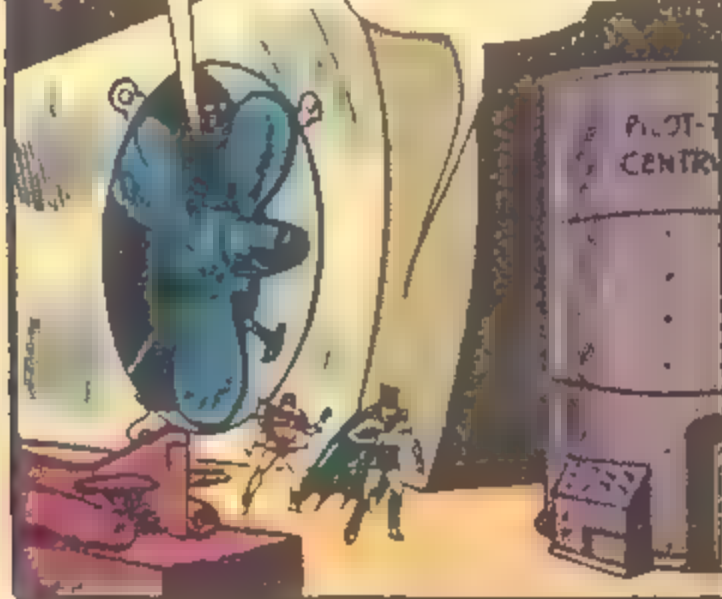
TOP SECRET  
EXPERIMENTAL  
MODEL 77



A GRIM SEARCH BEGINS...

THEY'RE NOT HERE IN THE WIND-TUNNEL!

WE'VE LOOKED EVERYWHERE BUT IN THIS BIG PILOT TESTING CENTRIFUGE--WE'LL TRY THAT!

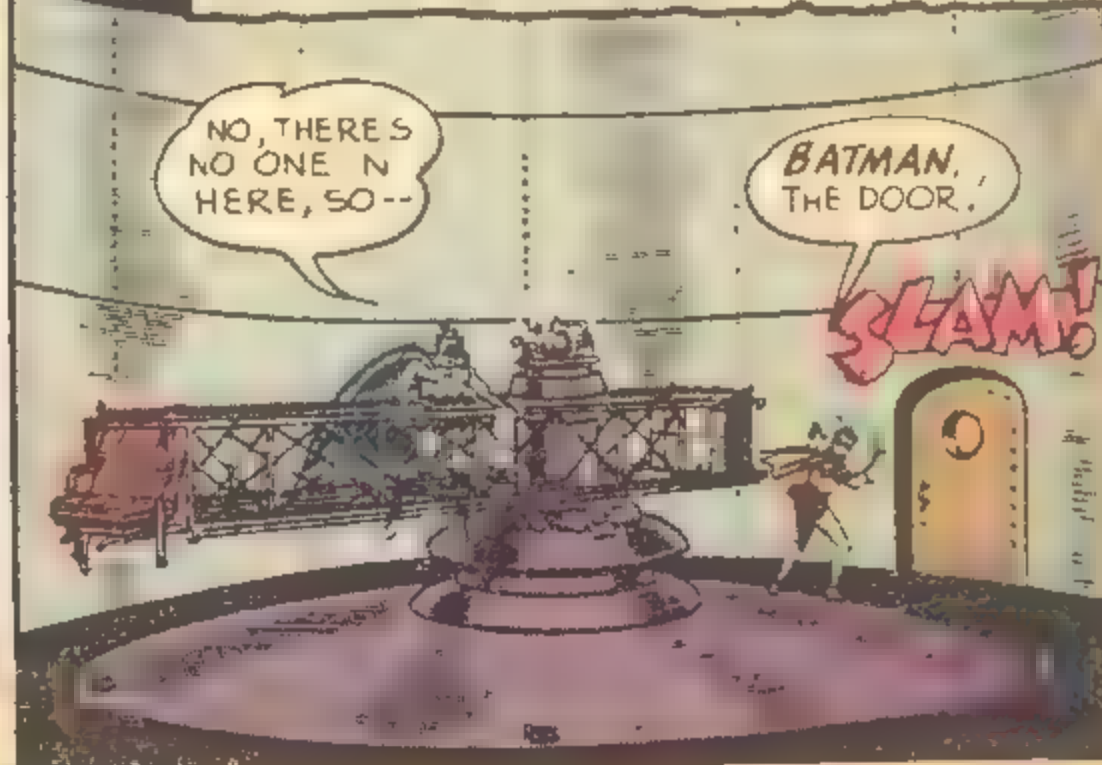


THE HUGE CENTRIFUGE WHICH TESTS THE EFFECTS OF SPEED AND PRESSURE ON PILOTS BY WHIRLING THEM AROUND AT TREMENDOUS SPEED, IS A STRANGE, SILENT PLACE!

NO, THERE'S NO ONE IN HERE, SO--

BATMAN, THE DOOR!

**SLAM!**



OUTSIDE, AN UNSEEN HAND CLICKS A SWITCH, AND AS MIGHTY MOTORS BEGIN TO DRONE...

IT'S LOCKED, OUTSIDE!

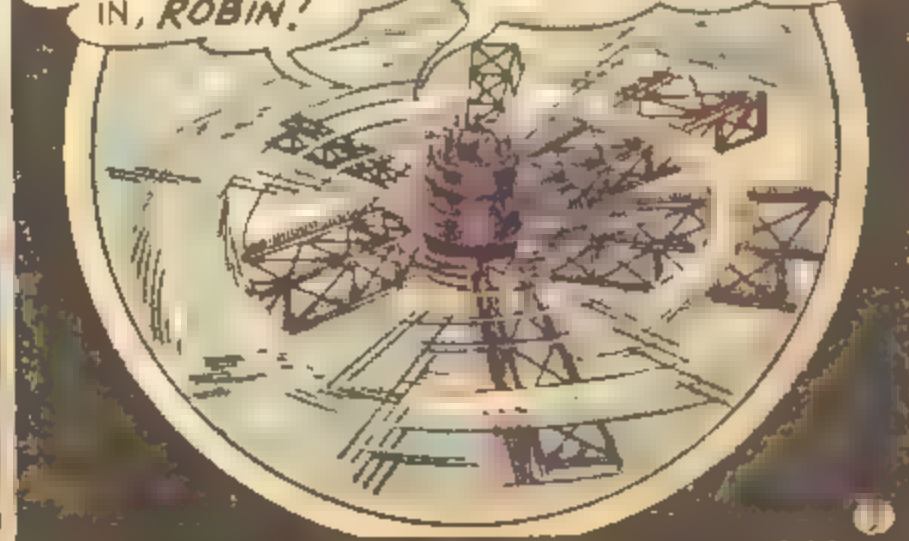
AND WHOEVER DID IT HAS STARTED THE CENTRIFUGE! QUICK, GET ONTO THAT WHIRLING BEAM BEFORE IT CRUSHES US!



FASTER AND FASTER WHIRLS THE DEVICE THAT CAN SIMULATE THE EFFECTS OF SUPER-SOONIC SPEEDS!

IT'LL THROW US OFF AS ITS SPEED MOUNTS! GET INTO THE SEAT AND STRAP YOURSELF IN, ROBIN!

AND LET YOU GET KILLED? NO--WHAT-EVER HAPPENS WILL HAPPEN TO US BOTH!





CAUGHT IN THE MOST TERRIBLE OF TRAPS, HIS HEAD ROCKING FROM THE DIZZYING ACCELERATION, THE **BATMAN** CAN RESORT ONLY TO HIS **INGENUITY...**

I--I CAN'T HANG ON MUCH LONGER! BEING TORN LOOSE--

IT'S DEATH FOR US TO LET GO--THERE'S ONLY ONE CHANCE--THIS WRENCH FROM MY UTILITY BELT MAY BE ABLE TO LOOSEN THE BOLTS THAT HOLD THE SEAT ON!

THEN, AT A CAREFULLY-JUDGED INSTANT, THE STEEL SEAT IS RELEASED TO HURTLE WITH TERRIFIC CENTRIFUGAL FORCE AT THE WALL!

GOT IT! THE STEEL SEAT WAS HURLED RIGHT THROUGH THE WALL AND SMASHED THE SWITCHBOARD OUTSIDE!

**CRASH**

IT CUT THE CURRENT--THE MOTORS ARE STOPPING!

BUT WITH THE BOLTS LOOSENED...

HANG ON, **ROBIN**--ONLY AN-OTHER MINUTE! IF I RELEASE THIS STEEL SEAT AT THE RIGHT MOMENT IT MAY SAVE US! AND THE DAMAGE CAN BE EASILY REPAIRED!

MEANWHILE, THE POLICE HAVE ANSWERED THE ALARM, AND...

**BATMAN--AND ROBIN!** SO YOU DISOBEYED MY ORDERS, TO DO SOME MORE GLORY-HUNTING!

YOU AND YOUR ORDERS! SOMEBODY NEARLY KILLED US--AND A VALUABLE PLANE-MODEL IS MISSING!

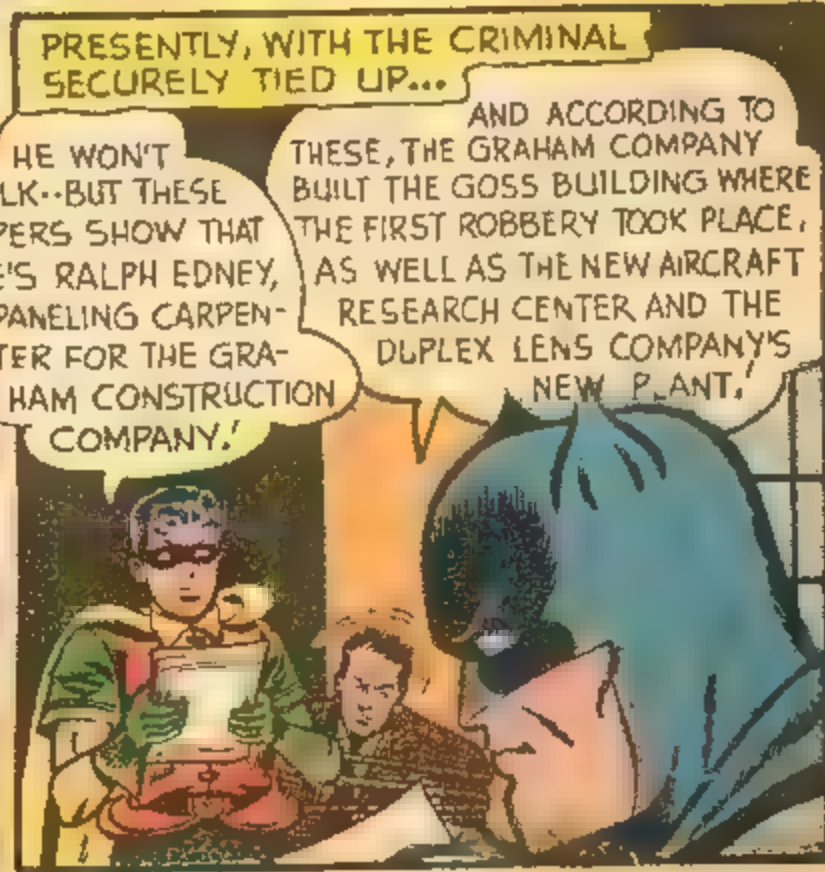
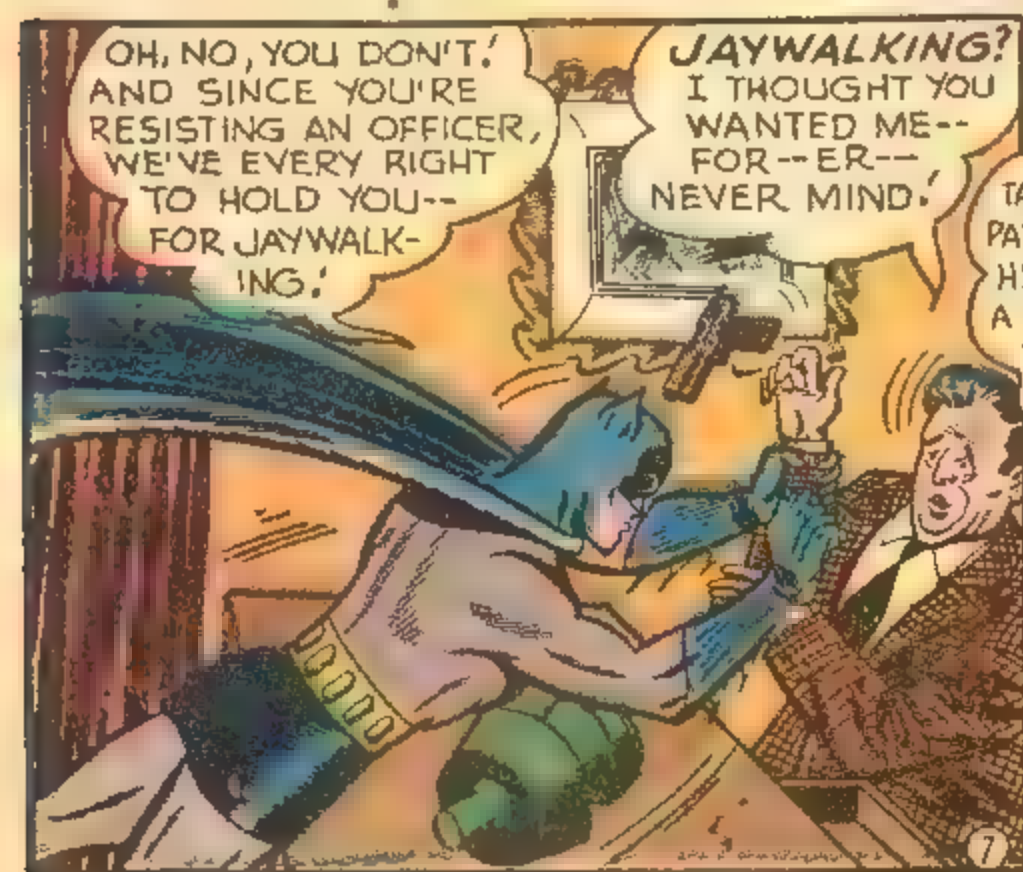
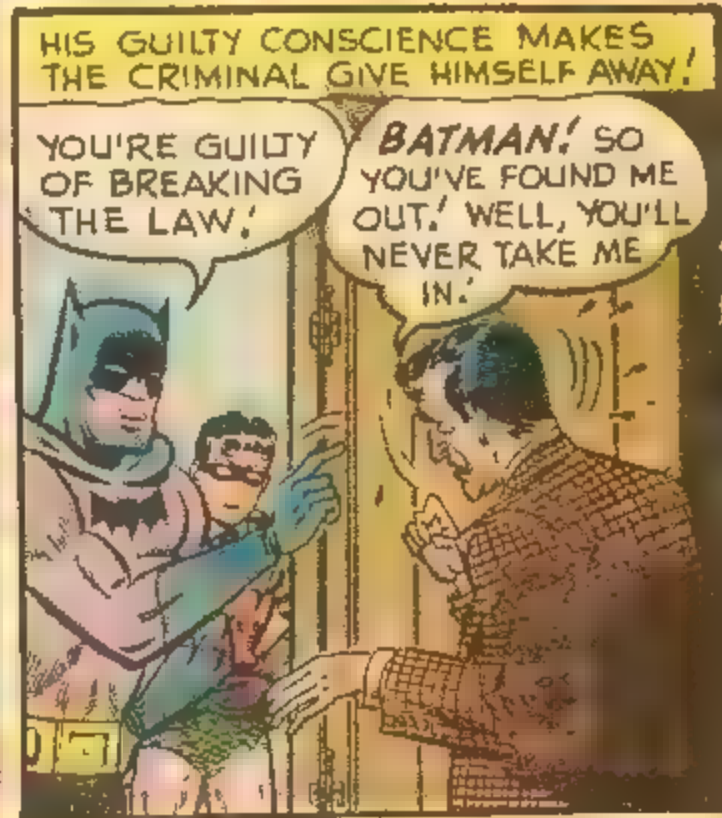
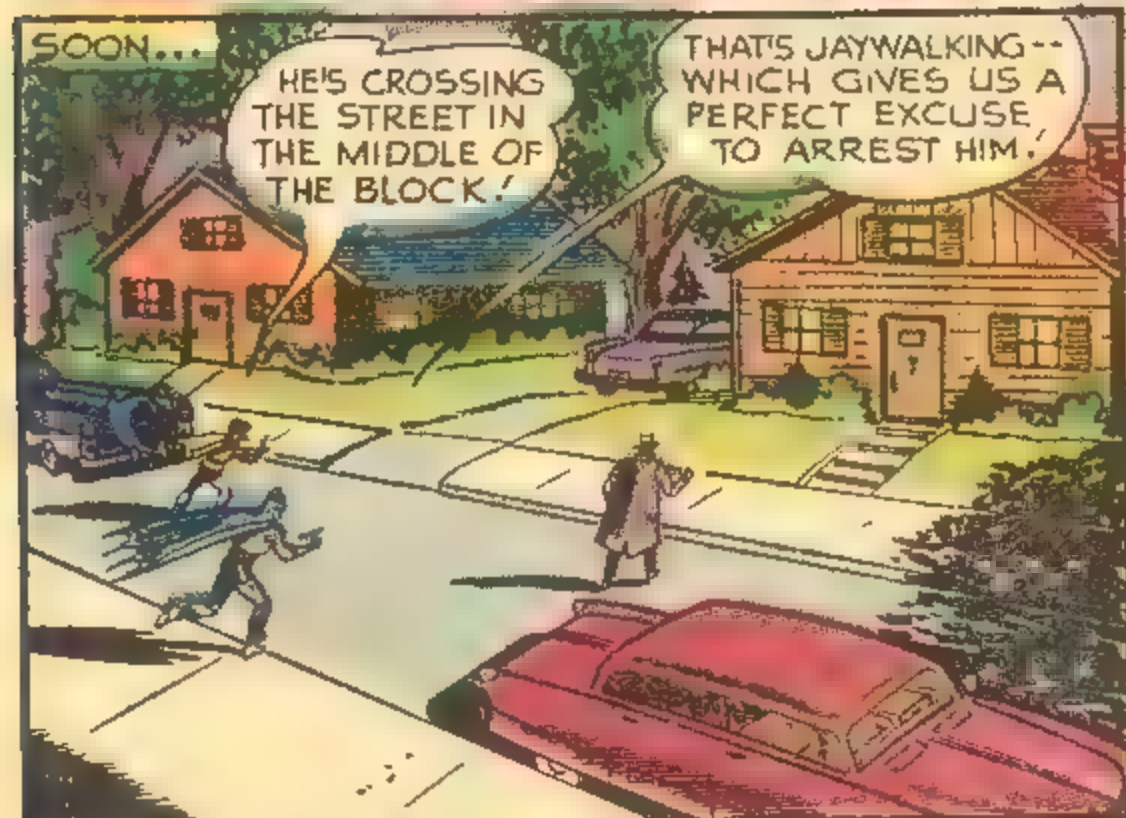
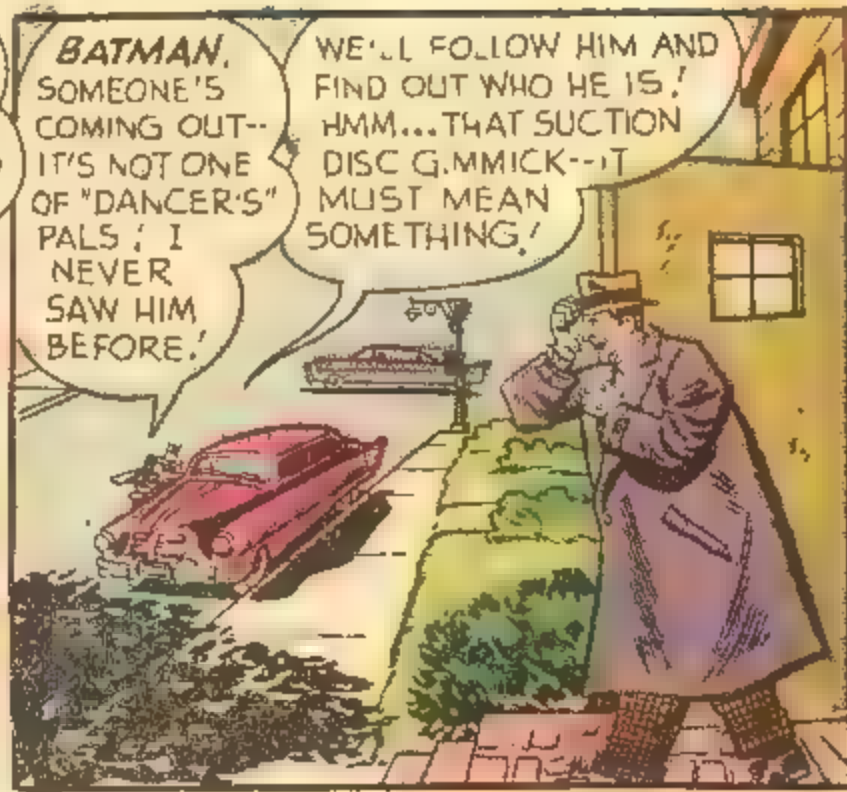
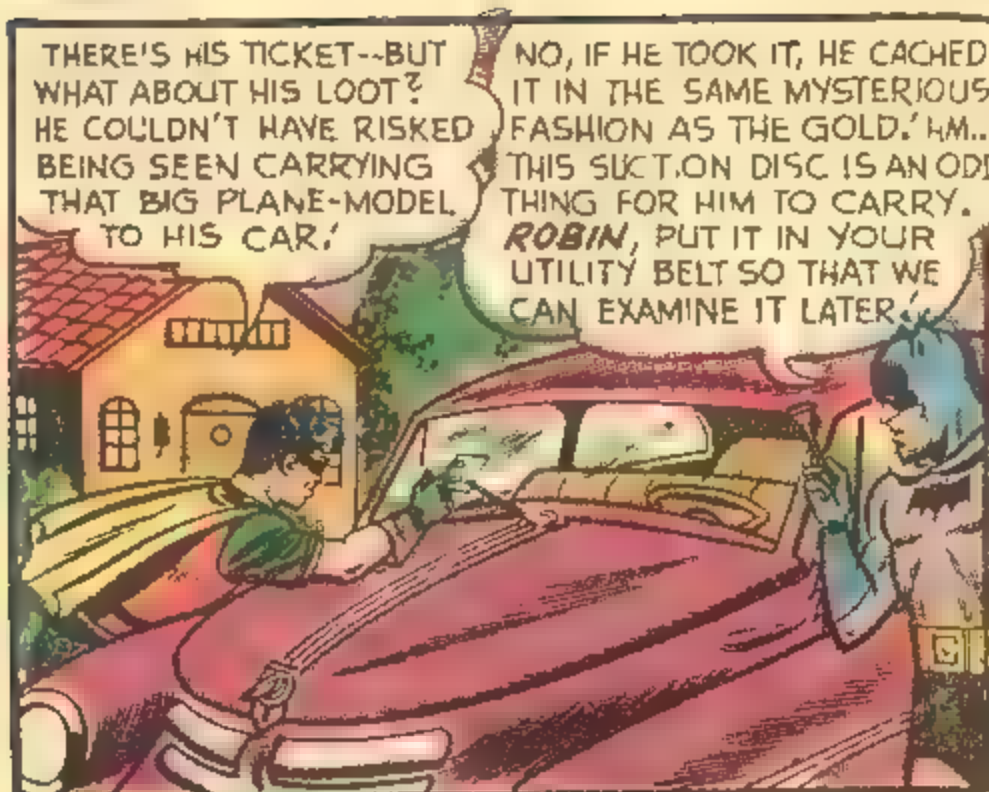
WE ENTERED THE BUILDING IN THE LINE OF DUTY--TO FIND THE OWNER OF AN ILLEGALLY-PARKED CAR!

HMPH! ALL RIGHT--BUT GET BACK TO YOUR TRAFFIC DETAIL, AND KEEP A SPECIAL LOOK-OUT FOR JAYWALKERS! WE'LL HANDLE THINGS HERE!

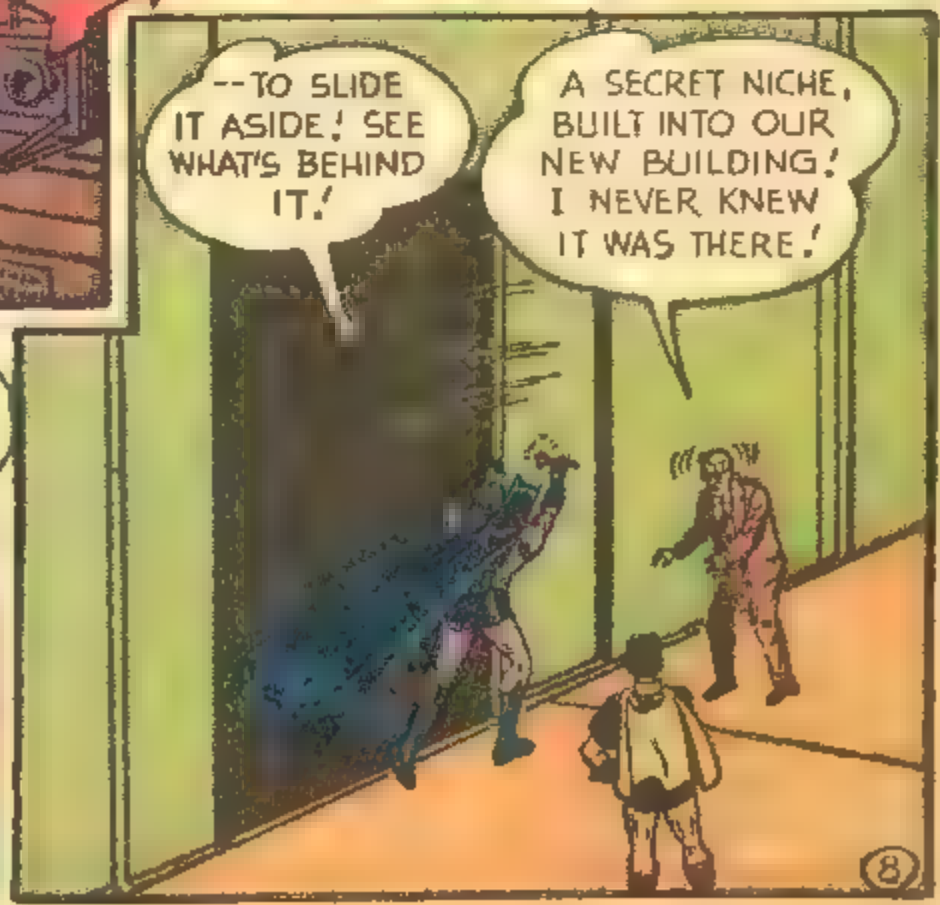
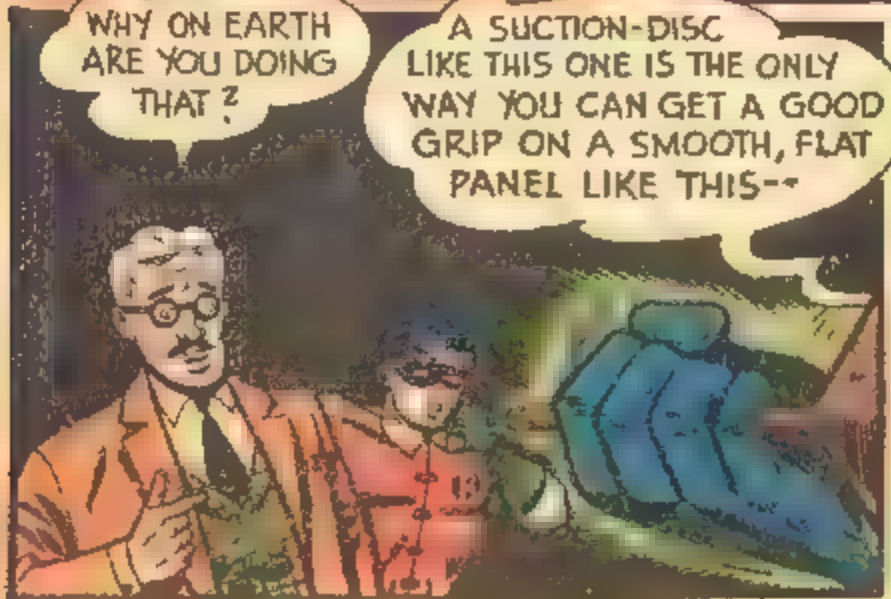
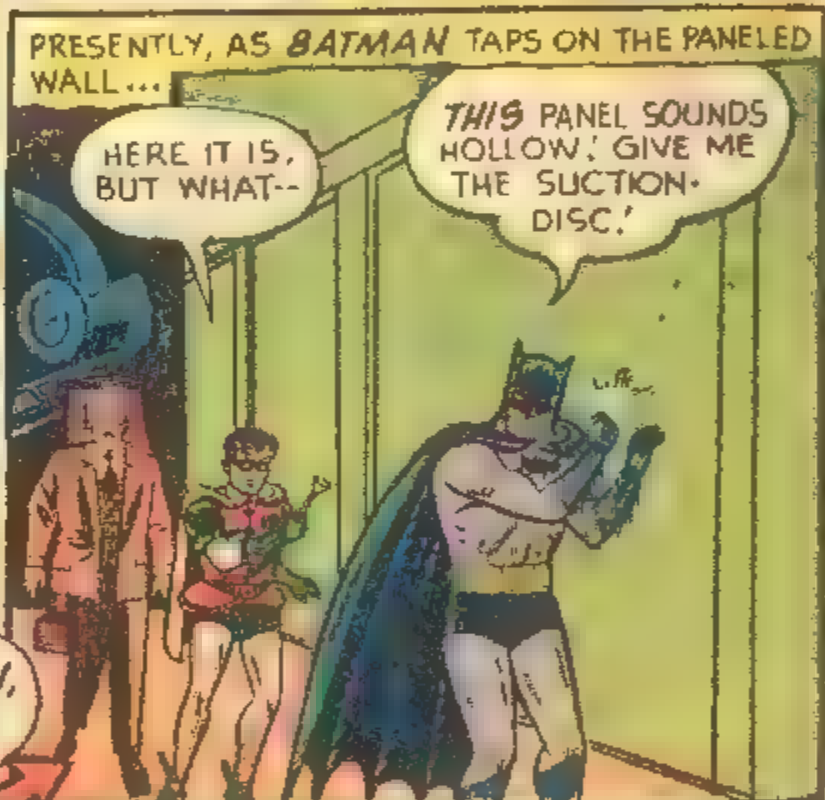
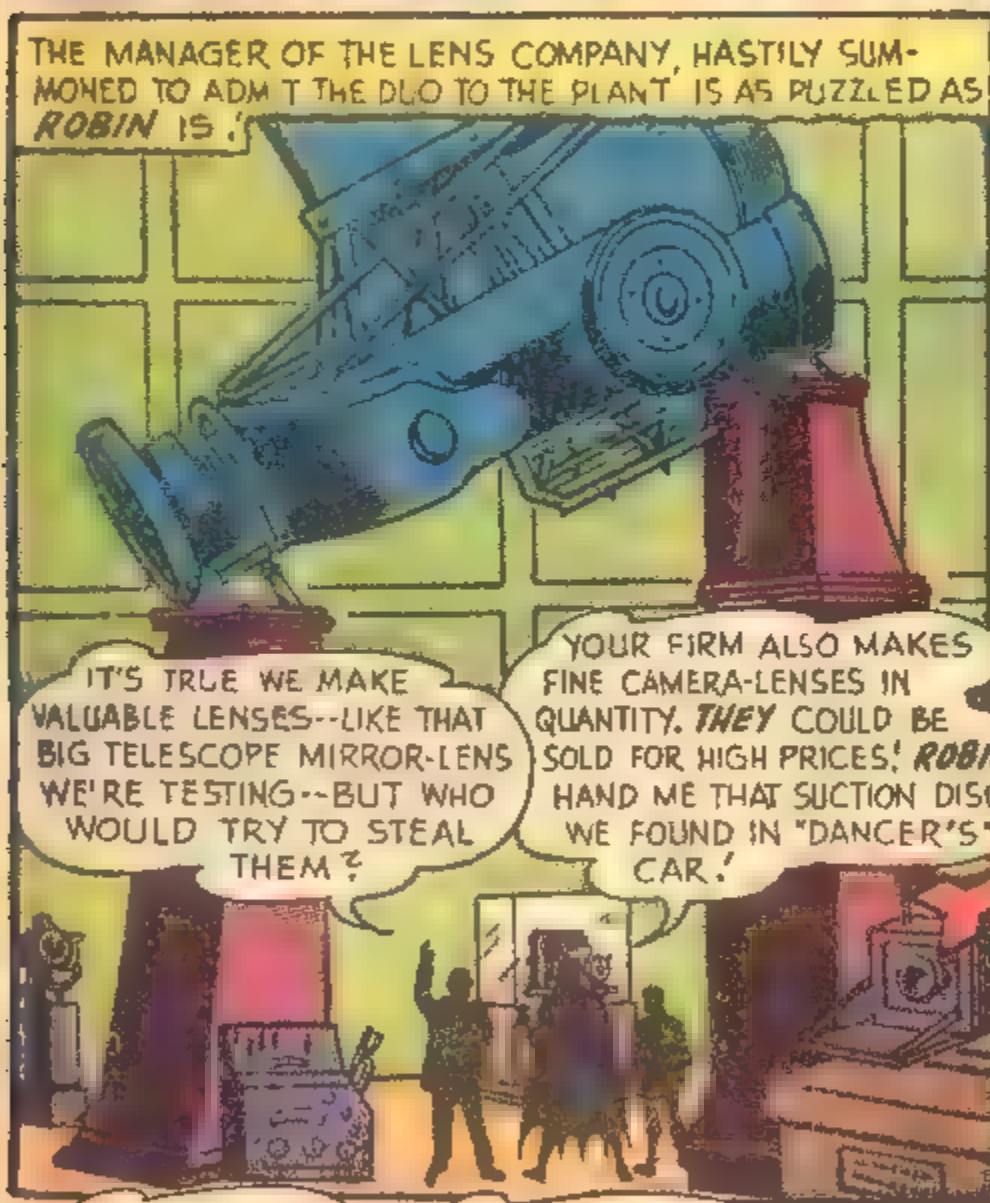
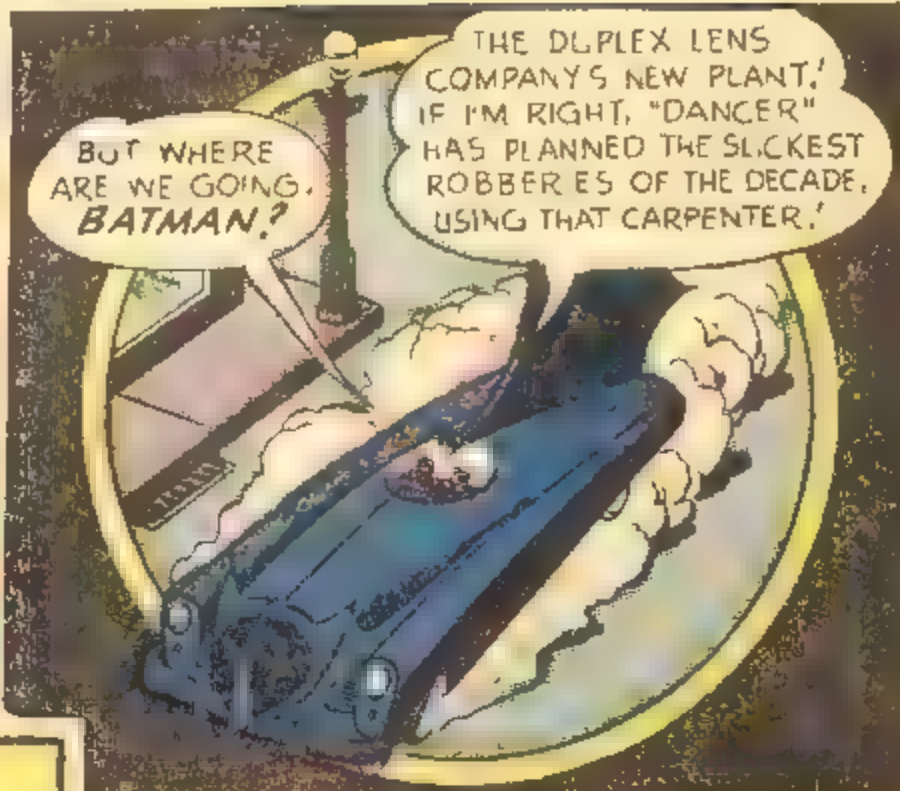
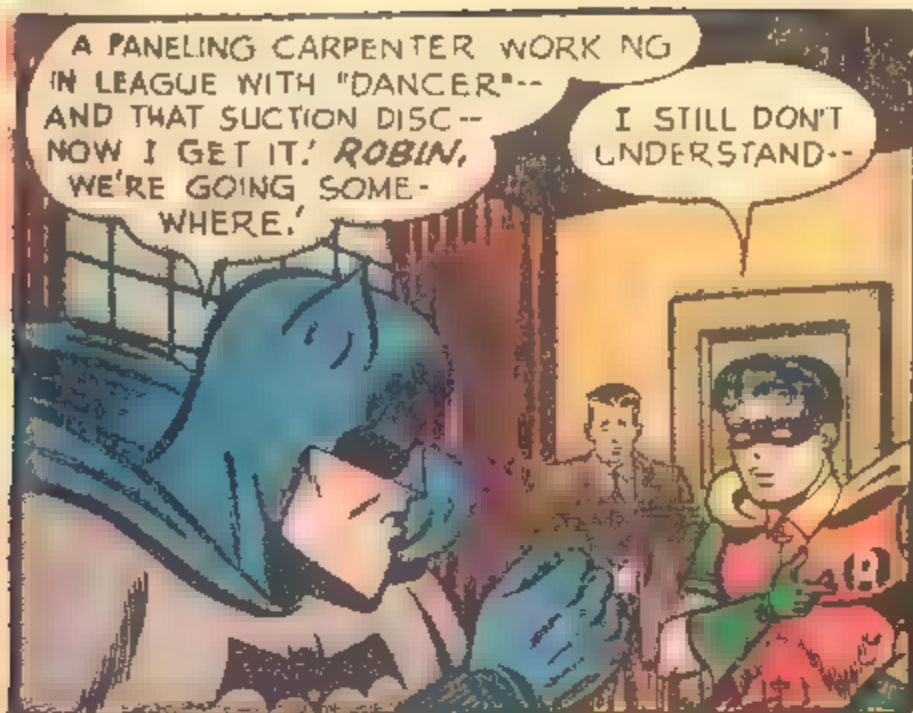
JAYWALKERS WE'RE ASSIGNED TO NOW! AND "DANCER" GOT AWAY AGAIN!

BUT I KNOW HIS ADDRESS, AND WE'VE STILL GOT TO GIVE HIM THAT PARKING TICKET!

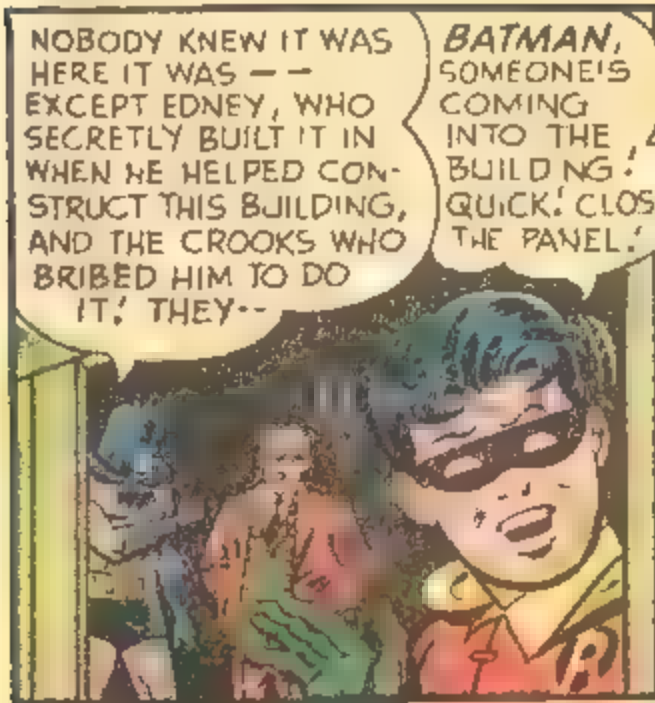












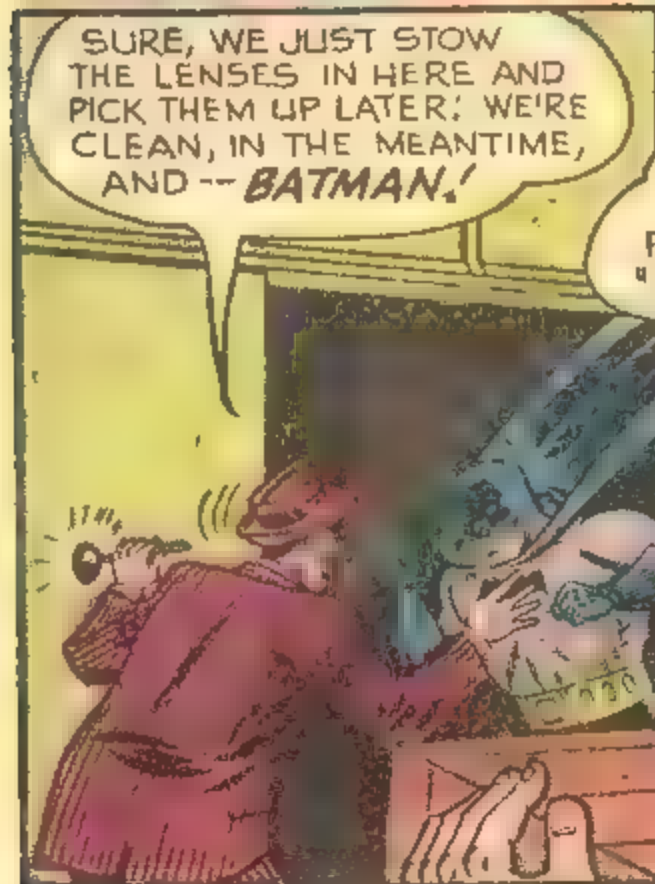
NOBODY KNEW IT WAS HERE IT WAS -- EXCEPT EDNEY, WHO SECRETLY BUILT IT IN WHEN HE HELPED CONSTRUCT THIS BUILDING, AND THE CROOKS WHO BRIBED HIM TO DO IT! THEY--

BATMAN, SOMEONE'S COMING INTO THE BUILDING! QUICK! CLOSE THE PANEL!

SECONDS LATER, "DANCER" KERN AND HIS MEN ENTER TO PUT THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON A LONG-PLANNED CRIME...

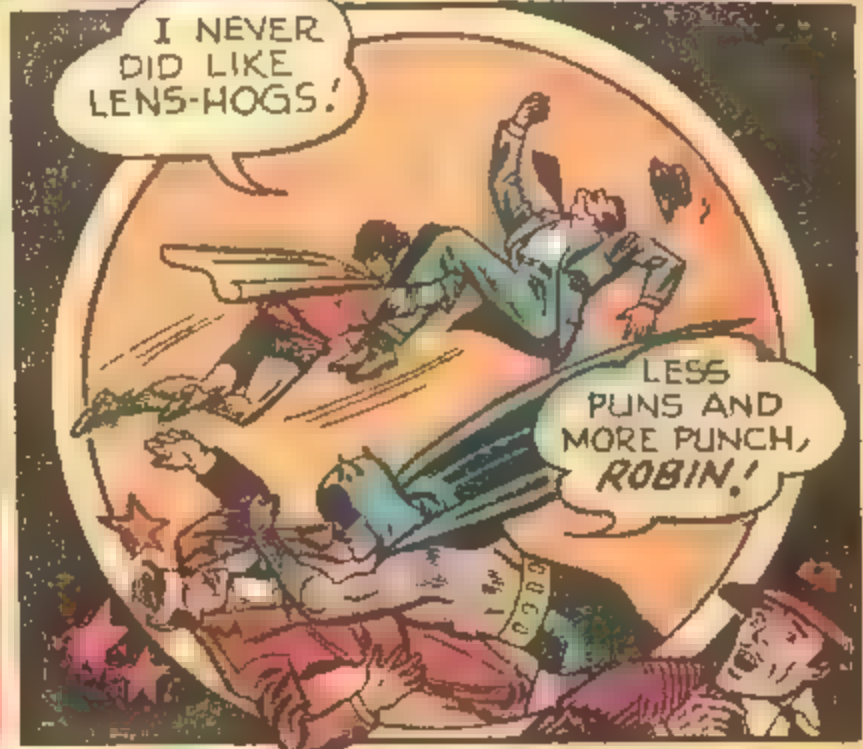
QUICK, MEN, GRAB THOSE CASES OF CAMERA-LENSES, HIDE THEM IN THE WALL AND GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE ANYONE SHOWS UP!

I GOT TO HAND IT TO YOU, "DANCER"-- THESE DELAYED-ACT ON JOBS HAVE GOT BATMAN AND THE POLICE RUNNING AROUND IN CIRCLES!



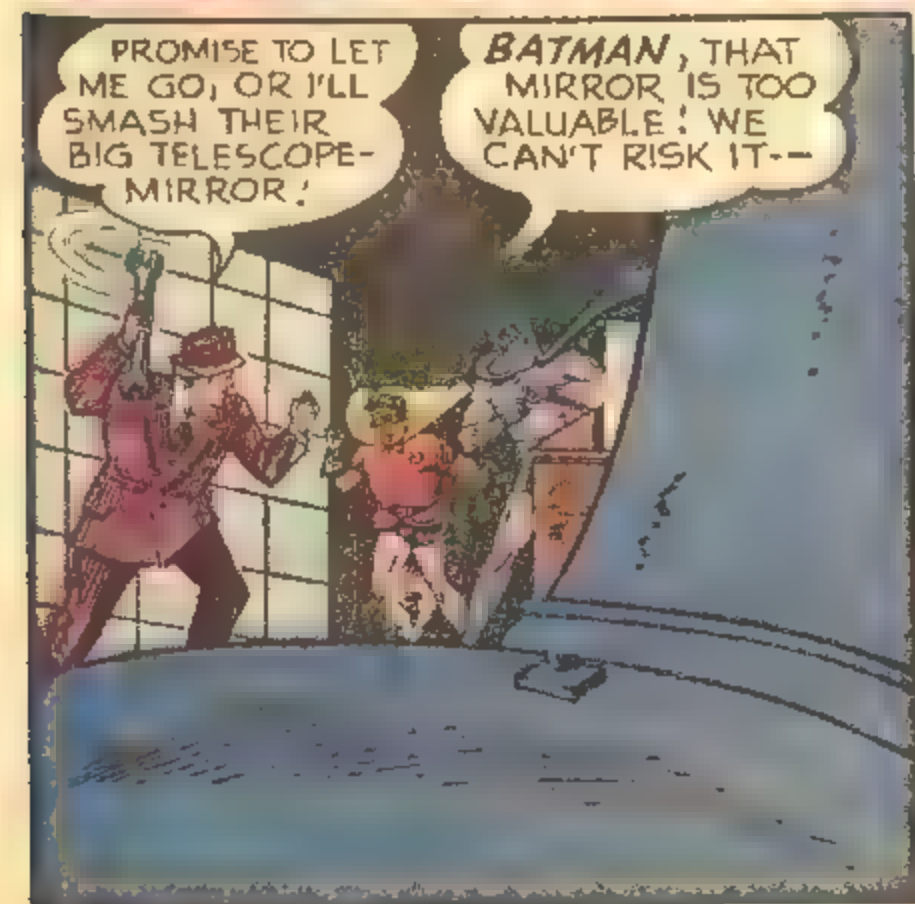
SURE, WE JUST STOW THE LENSES IN HERE AND PICK THEM UP LATER! WE'RE CLEAN, IN THE MEANTIME, AND -- BATMAN!

WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, "DANCER"!



I NEVER DID LIKE LENS-HOGS!

LESS PUNS AND MORE PUNCH, ROBIN!



PROMISE TO LET ME GO, OR I'LL SMASH THEIR BIG TELESCOPE-MIRROR!

BATMAN, THAT MIRROR IS TOO VALUABLE! WE CAN'T RISK IT--

BUT AS THE BATMAN'S HAND SURREPTITIOUSLY TOUCHES THE BUTTON THAT MOVES THE GIANT TELESCOPE...

MAYBE, BY REFLECTING THE OVERHEAD LAMPS, THE MIRROR WILL HELP YOU SEE THE LIGHT, DANCER! ROBIN, GET THAT WRENCH!



GOT IT!





# BATMAN



MOMENTS LATER... CAPTAN, POLICE REGULATIONS SAY THAT EVEN A TRAFFIC OFFICER MUST ACT WHEN HE KNOWS A CRIME IS BEING COMMITTED! COME WITH ME AND I'LL SHOW YOU HOW THOSE ROBBERIES WERE DONE!



AND IN THE AIRCRAFT RESEARCH CENTER!

"DANCER" HAD A NEW IDEA--HE STOLE VALUABLE, BULKY THINGS LIKE THIS MODEL, BUT DIDN'T TAKE THEM AWAY! HE BRIBED EDNEY TO BUILD SECRET HIDING PLACES IN THESE NEW BUILDINGS, AND SLIPPED THE LOOT INTO THEM. THUS, HE'D BE ABLE TO RETRIEVE IT LATER WITHOUT RISK!



THE SAME WITH THIS DENTAL COMPANY'S GOLD SUPPLY! HE COULDN'T BE CAUGHT WITH IT WHEN IT WAS HIDDEN IN HERE! HE PLANNED TO GET IT LATER!

AND YOU CRACKED THIS MYSTERY WHILE I KEPT YOU BUSY CARRYING OUT MY PETTY ASSIGNMENTS!



BATMAN, I'VE LEARNED A LESSON! I KNOW NOW IT WASN'T JUST OPPORTUNITY THAT MADE YOU GREAT--YOU MADE YOUR OPPORTUNITIES!


ROBIN AND I HAVE HAD A LESSON, TOO, CAPTAIN HARBY--WE APPRECIATE NOW HOW TOUGH A REGULAR POLICEMAN'S JOB CAN BE!



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HOW DO ANTS LIVE IN THE WINTER TIME?



MOST ANTS REST IN A STATE OF TORPOR AND REQUIRE NO FOOD!

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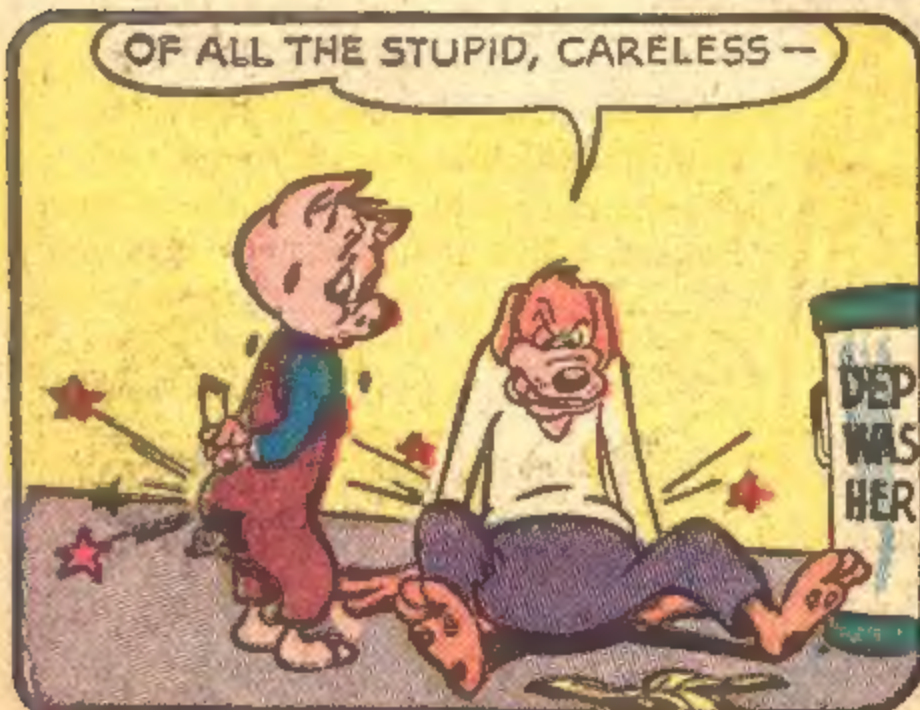
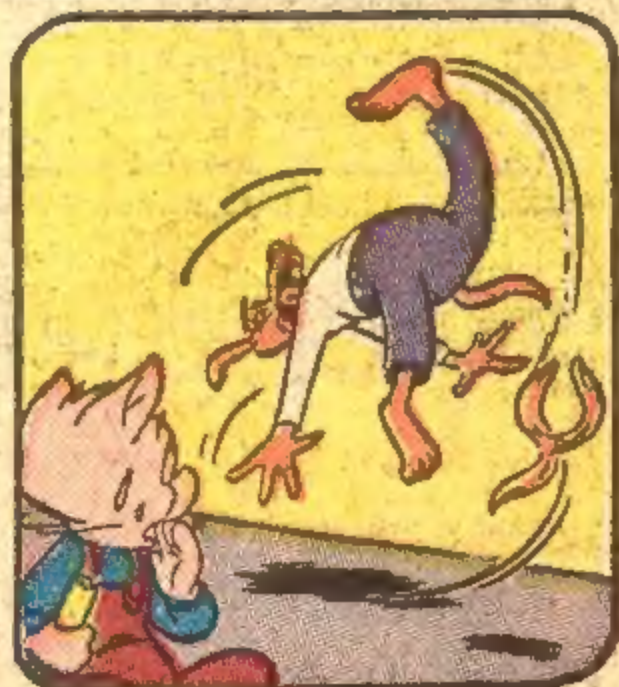
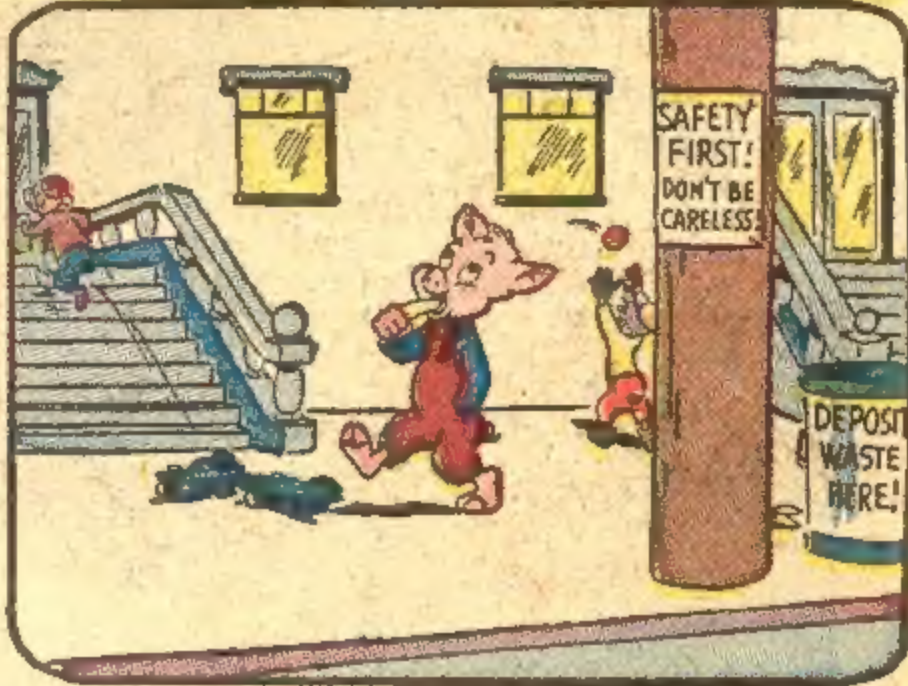
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